

THE HOME

The Husband

A Man's Honor and Success Depend on His Home:

1. **He is a better husband by:**
 - A. **Knowing about the position he should occupy in the home**
 - B. **Applying knowledge in his ability & activity in the home.**
2. **Old Testament reveals facts about the first husband & first home.**
 - A. **The husband was made first.**

Gen 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

1 Tim 2:3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,

B. It was not good for man to be alone.

Gen 2:18 And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; **I will make him a helper** comparable to him."

C. None of the lower creation was suitable for man.

Gen 2:20 So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.

D. The woman was created **for the man.**

Gen 2:23 And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

1 Cor 11:8-9 For man is not from woman, but woman from man. Nor was man created for the woman, but woman for the man.

E. God joined the husband and wife together.

Matt 19:6 "So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what **God has joined together**, let not man separate."

Duties of the Husband:

1. He is to cleave unto his wife.

Gen 2:24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

♥ **These very same words were echoed by Jesus in Matthew 19:5**

A. CLEAVE Defined: “United, to adhere with strong attachment, united closely in interest or affection. Joined to, to glue, to cement.”

2. He is to love his wife.

Ephesians 5:25, 28-29

3. He is to dwell with his wife intelligently (understanding).

A. Men, this must be possible because God said to! :)

1 Pet 3:7 Husbands, likewise, dwell with them **with understanding**, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

B. According to knowledge or "understanding way" includes:

1) Knowledge of her "physical makeup";

a) Designed to complement man.

2) Knowledge of her "mental makeup";

a) She is basically dependent on husband; God made her so.

b) Some women defy the rules and become exceptions, but the **basic desire of women is to have husbands and children and keep a home.**

Titus 2:3-5

3) Knowing that she longs for economic security, assurance, and protection.

- C. **The husband who does not know these things is not prepared to dwell with her according to knowledge.**

This includes the knowledge of God's will governing this relationship.

4. **He is to "Give honor to the wife as to a weaker vessel". (1 Pet 3:7)**
- A. **The teaching of Christ elevates women to a place in society not always enjoyed.**
- 1) **It puts her again by the husband's side, as in the beginning**
 - 2) **This is an honored position and the husband needs to realize this is God's way.**
 - 3) **Honor implies maintenance as well as respect. The husband is a protector and supporter.**

1 Tim 5:8 But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

5. **"That your prayers be not hindered". (1 Pet 3:7)**

- A. **How can both pray together a prayer of faith if there are:**
- 1) **Unkind words, harsh looks, contentions, grievances, bickering, distrust, jealousies, vengeful acts and strivings existing between them?**
 - 2) **The husband and wife should live together according to the gospel & enjoy the sweetest domestic harmony possible.**

Bible Examples of What Men Should Be:

1. Joseph (New Testament opens with a story of a husband) Matthew 1:18-25; 2:13-14, 19-22

A. This is the kind of man that God honors.

- 1) He listened to God, believed God, and obeyed God.**
- 2) He took a God-approved woman for his wife.**
- 3) He followed God's instructions in life, gave family protection, and had an honest occupation.**
 - a) Not much else is said about Joseph - age, death, etc. but he was a righteous man**
 - b) He desired to do only what was right in God's sight.**

2 Paul talks to Timothy about those who desire to be an Elder. All men should strive to do their best in this area:

1 Tim 3:4-5 one who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?);

3. Moses had a responsibility from God to instruct the Israelite fathers to instruct their children to learn and obey God's teachings.

Deut 6:6-8 "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. "You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontiers between your eyes.

4. Joshua gives us an example of zealous consistency:

*Josh 24:15 "And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Aconites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, **we will serve the LORD.**"*

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Suggestions to Promote Happiness in the Home By Thoughtfulness of the Husband:

1. Make an effort to continue & perpetuate the courtship days frame of mind.

A. Present occasional gifts; Let her know you love her!

Ecc 9:9 Live joyfully with the wife whom you love...

2. Never criticize her in front of others to her disadvantage. Treat her with respect, as you would want to be treated. Don't be foolish.

Prov 29:11 A fool vents all his feelings, but a wise man holds them back.

3. Share your income - share financial ideas & perhaps avoid having to share financial failure.

4. Compliment her. (Make her feel special-because she is!)

5. Thank her. (Thank her for the little things often)

6. Confide in her - she is a help meet.

7. Do not be jealously suspicious of her. She married you didn't she? Give her some room to be her own person.

8. Be patient & understanding through periods of fatigue when she is inclined to be nervous and irritable.

- 9. **Share your recreation time with her.**
- 10. **You are her head - but never abuse the privilege.**
 - A. **Both are equal in God's sight.**

Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for **you are all one in Christ Jesus.**

Read Dear Abby Article on "10 Commandments for Husbands"

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TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR HUSBANDS

- 1. Thou shalt put thy wife before thy mother, thy father, thy daughter, and thy son, for she is thy life-long companion.**
- 2. Abuse not thy body with excessive food, or with tobacco products, or drink, that thy days may be many and healthful in the presence of thy loved ones.**
- 3. Permit neither thy business, nor thy hobby to make of thee a stranger to thy children, for the most precious gift a man giveth his family is his time.**
- 4. Forget not the virtue of cleanliness.**
- 5. Make not thy wife a beggar, but share willingly with her thy worldly goods.**
- 6. Forget not to say, "I love you." For even tho thy love be constant, thy wife doth yearn to hear the words.**
- 7. Remember that the approval of thy wife is worth more than the admiring glances of a hundred strangers. Cleave unto her, and forsake all others.**
- 8. Keep thy home in good repair, for out of it cometh the joys of thy old age.**
- 9. Forgive with grace. For who among us does not need to be forgiven?**
- 10. Honor the Lord thy God all the days of thy life, and thy children will rise up and call thee blessed.**