

Husbands, Love Your Wives



Exercising a loving headship in
building a biblically blessed marriage.

Introduction

- **In a Biblically blessed marriage we see husbands and wives fulfilling their God-given roles.**
 - For women, it would be to desire their husbands: faithfully loyal to him and his service to God.
 - For men, it is to be the loving leader God has ordained him in the furtherance of His kingdom.



Introduction

- **Entrusted to a man is his wife.**
 - She must be viewed and cared for as a priceless treasure entrusted to him by God.
 - His responsibility of stewardship over her is far greater than most men (or women) ever consider, let alone strive to live.



Introduction

- **Because of lack of biblical foresight, numerous men fail to accept their God-given roles in the pattern after our Savior.**
 - They need to accept the grave responsibility of headship.
 - They also need to properly love their wives.
 - In the end, men who exercise their roles as godly husbands create a biblically blessed.



Husbands Properly Fulfilling Their Headship Role

- **He is to exercise his authority for the sake of his family's well-being.**
 - As Christ's authority is "over all things to the church" (Eph. 1:22) the man is head over all things to the family. Eph. 5:24
 - Lest men forget (as other cultures) they are not the source of authority: they are merely servants with the role of authority.
 - He is not a dictator over his wife.
 - He is in the position of leader with grave responsibility. cp. the principle of Jas. 3:1



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- **His authority, however, is no small responsibility:**
 - The soul of his wife is most precious to God and entrusted to the husband. cp. Lk. 12:48
 - He must (learn how to) selflessly give up his will in favor of the Lord's will. Cp. Phil. 2:5-8; Matt. 20:25
 - He must provide an environment for his family to thrive (more on this through his love). cp. Col. 2:19; Eph. 4:11,15



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NOTE: it is important to note the great responsibility in raising our sons to understand this godly form of headship.



Husbands Properly Loving Their Wives

- **The problem for some men is not accepting their headship role, but truly loving their wives.**
 - Some men misunderstand their role of love and do not fulfill their God-given responsibility of loving their wives according to His word. 1 Cor. 13:4-5
 - At the base level, selfishness is the reason many men do not truly love their wives.



Husbands Properly Loving Their Wives

- **Ways in which he manifests his love for his wife. Eph. 5:25-33**
 - Sacrificing for her. Eph. 5:25
 - Sanctifying her. Eph. 5:26-27
 - Loving her like he does himself. Eph. 5:28-30
 - Ultimately, this love completes his union with his wife. Eph. 5:31-33



Husbands Properly Loving Their Wives

- **When loving your wife in a biblically beautiful manner, the result will be:**
 - For the husband: living with her with understanding will naturally follow. 1 Pet. 3:7
 - For the wife: she will instinctively run to their husbands when they are: stressed, anxious, frightened, even overjoyed.
 - For the wife: she will know that through his headship and love he will provide her the physical, emotional and spiritual guidance, security, and encouragement.
 - For both: a divinely approved and beautifully blessed marriage.



Conclusion

- Headship and true love are the responsibilities that men must learn (even from a young age).
- Men, do not shirk this God-given role you have as husbands seeking a biblically blessed marriage.

