

“A Godly Husband Who Brings God Glory” 4/28/19
1 Peter 3:7

Sermon Series- *“Living for the Glory of God in a Hostile World”*

Big Idea- Husbands, you are called to love your wives by living with them in an understanding and honoring way, so that your prayers are not hindered.

“Therefore... whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.” 1 Cor 10:31

LESSON 1- A godly man will bring God glory in his SUBMISSION

- A. Husbands are to bring God glory through meeting his wife’s NEEDS (Ephesians 5:25-32; He is to love, sacrifice, purify, nourish, assure her)

“Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.” Col 3:19

Going *God expects husbands to give their LIVES for their wives.*
Deeper

LESSON 2- A godly man will bring God glory in his UNDERSTANDING

- A. Husbands are called to DWELL with their wives at home.
(A husband’s primary focus should be with his home & family)

- B. Husbands are commanded to dwell with wives according to Knowledge

1) Her favorite things? 2) Is she stressed? 3) Lonely? 4) Tired? 5) Her needs?

Going *God expects husbands to be active in knowing their wives!*
Deeper

LESSON 3- A godly man will bring God glory in his PRAISE

- A. Husbands are commanded to give VALUE to his wife.

Tell her: 1) you love her; 2) she is valuable (with examples); 3) by your actions

Going *God demands that husbands value their wives and see them as Heirs!*
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WARNING: *“so that your prayers aren’t **hindered**”*

Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples

ILLUSTRATIONS highlighting differences in the genders:

An email that illustrates how men & women are unique. It was a debate on whether computers are male or female, referred to as him/her.

This first list came from computer scientists who are male. Computers are female since:

*No one but their creator understands their internal logic.

*The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else.

*The message, "Bad Command or file name" is about as informative as "if you don't know why I'm mad at you, then I'm certainly not going to tell you."

*As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it.

That list was countered by a group of all FEMALE computer scientists, computers have to be MALE because:

*They have a lot of data but are all still clueless.

*They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they are the problem.

*As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you'd waited a little longer, you could have obtained a better model.

*In order to get their attention you have to turn them on!

Examples of how not to live with your wife in an understanding way:

- 1) Treating your wife as a pack mule - you can carry the whole load - throwing every responsibility on your wife until she collapses (or a work horse)
- 2) Treating your wife as a donkey - unintelligent fool that doesn't know anything. **IS YOUR WIFE INVITED TO SHARE HER THOUGHTS?**
- 3) Treating your wife as a mouse - Squelching her personality; being overbearing; allowing her just to squeek a little once in awhile - but not helping her to grow into the person God intended for her to be.
- 4) Treating your wife as a lion = king of the jungle; bowing to every demand; abdicating your leadership in the home and allowing her to take over and rule the roost; some husbands are completely dominated by their wife; they live as a mouse in their home
- 5) Treating your wife as a golden retriever (get this for me; do this for me...) rather than as a helpmate provided by God; wife not intended to be your slave
- 6) Treating your wife as just one of the worker bees rather than as the queen bee: one of the masses; vs. That very special and unique one God has given you

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