

Husband and Wife Relationship

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I. Introduction.

A. One of the hardest things to do as a husband is to believe the Bible.

B. Preview.

II. A Positive approach. (Ephesians 5:20)

A. When studying the Bible, study it within the context. (for example, 1 Corinthians 14)

B. The husband being the head of the wife does not mean that he is better. It just means that he is the head.

C. Men ought to give their wives the love they give their own bodies. (Matthew 22, Luke 10:41-42, Philippians 4:6-7, John 13:34-35, Proverbs 27:5)

D. If we are going to love our wives we are going to have to show it in every way.

III. Problems.

A. The head is the one who is responsible for the home, and he often fails to take this responsibility. (Genesis 2, Genesis 18:19, 1 Samuel 3:13) With more discipline in the world there is more safety. This is the case with our homes as well.

B. Another problem is when the husband shirks his responsibilities. (Genesis 3:17)

IV. Prayer.

A. One must pray with his spouse. We are to love our wives and pray with them so that our prayers are not hindered. (1 Peter 3:7, Matthew 22:29)

Application questions

1. What traps does a husband often fall into and how do you see yourself or others fall into these?

2. Why is it not simply enough to emotionally love one's wife? Explain.

3. Do you pray with your spouse? What will you do to establish or strengthen your mutual prayer time?
