

The Godly Husband

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I. Introduction.

A. The Song of Solomon deals with the most intimate relationship that a man has.

B. One way to approach this book is as though it were a play.

1. Solomon had summoned the “Miss Universe” of his time.

2. She was already committed to someone else, however, so he had her forcibly taken.

3. She would not give in to Solomon though, and Solomon determined that many waters cannot quench love.

C. The “Romance Hand.”

1. Awareness.

2. Respect.

3. Admiration.

4. Affection.

5. Love.

D. The foundation of a lasting relationship is mutual respect, which is a lifelong assignment to maintain. A life rule: never criticize your spouse in front of another person.

II. What a husband owes to his wife.

A. Husbands are to love their wives as Christ loved the church and gave himself for it. (Ephesians 5:25-33)

1. When a woman needs to be reassured that you love her, you need to stop everything that you are doing to affirm her.

2. After getting married, a woman can easily start doubting whether her husband sees her as the most important person in his life. Every moment that you are depriving her of that emotional security, you are depriving her a part of her life.

B. Husbands ought to keep their wives up on the latest news. (1 Corinthians 14:34)

1. Paul rebuked wives for disturbing the church service because they were getting each up to date when they saw each other while a teacher was trying to preach.

2. The responsibility was the husband's though, who were not filling them in during the week.
3. Communication between a husband and wife is the hardest thing to engender. Over 50% of marriages suffer from the silent husband.
4. Sometimes wives are difficult to listen to, but the solution is not to *not* listen.
5. Husbands in general talk too little and listen too little.
6. The evidence that so much is written on this proves that it is a problem; we should heed the admonition of 1 Corinthians 14 and give our wives a chance to listen to us.
7. The most important time to engage your wife in conversation is why there are children in the home since they often lack adult conversation.

C. Wives have a high standard to love and respect the husband exceedingly based on his character. (1 Peter 3:10)

1. If a woman is to love us in a certain way, it must be in response to a kind of person that we are.
2. Isaac trusted that God would provide because He had always provided for Abraham. Is our testimony of what God will do part of our experience or just some theology? We owe our wife and children the power of example. Example is the only method of teaching. (Genesis 22)
3. Revival happens when two or more people get right with God. The hindrance to revival in the world today is a lack of perfect relationship between people.

III. Discussion.

A. The family meal is a ritual and should be more than about food. What is small talk?

Application questions.

1. Name three things that the speaker suggested that a husband should do in order to sustain his marriage.

2. Why is it that husbands tend not to listen and talk to their wives as they want? Why is it important for him to do so? Is this obligation only a matter of circumstance?

3. Describe your relationship with your wife. In light of the message name two areas you would like to improve upon. What do you plan to do to make these desires a reality?
