

How to Really Love Your Wife

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I. Introduction.

A. Husbands and wives need to honor one another in public and teach their children to obey their parents.

B. The Bible gives us standards on how to love our wives.

C. Text: Ephesians 5:22-33.

II. Apart from the commands about a man's relationship to Christ, the command to love one's wife as Christ loves the church is perhaps the most important in the New Testament. Submission becomes minor in marriage if the husband is doing this.

III. Love always expresses itself in action.

A. In order to be loving, act loving.

B. We act our way into feeling. (1 Corinthians 13)

C. Love is a decision.

IV. Three suggestions to become more loving toward your wife every day.

A. Tell your wife you love her.

B. Do something nice for her.

C. Pay her a compliment.

V. Change is the game of marriage. (Proverbs 27:17)

VI. We need to develop a habit of happiness.

VII. Order of priorities: relationship to God, relationship to your wife, relationship to your children.

VIII. Wives need to know that they are number one in our thoughts next to God himself.

Application questions:

1. How can you better show love to your wife?

2. How would your wife order your priorities based on what you do?

3. Which tip for loving your wife did you find most helpful? Explain.
