

# What Every Husband Should Know

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Text: I Peter 3:7.
- B. When marriage begins to pinch, the only way out that many couples know is divorce.
- C. Divorce is a radical surgery and is only to be attempted as a last resort.

## II. The man's primary role in marriage is intelligent leadership.

- A. Leadership was made for man and not for woman.
  - 1. Most women do not want the role of leadership.
  - 2. The man should choose the values to implement even though the woman should be involved in implementation.
  - 3. Men most frequently fail here—there is an absence of intelligent leadership.
- B. A man's first responsibility should be to learn what leadership should be.
  - 1. Some men expect their wives to be their mothers.
  - 2. Other men have lopsided leadership expecting their wives to lead the home.

## III. A man must exercise deliberate love towards his wife.

- A. A woman must feel secure in her husband's affections.
- B. The man's job is to make her feel this way. (Ephesians 5)
- C. The wise husband must be firm, but he must also be thoughtful and considerate.

## IV. The husband must recognize the need of unlimited sharing of his own life.

- A. Women were made to be helpmates, partners.
- B. A helpmate is not good if she is excluded from some area.

## V. A failure to practice these principles as a husband will result in hindered prayer.

- A. A man should not be given spiritual leadership in the church without an orderly home because he must be able to manifest the richness of God if he is to do it in the church.

## **Application questions:**

1. Why is ability to lead the church reflected in an ability to manage the home?

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2. Which characteristic of the husband living properly before his wife stands out to you? Explain.

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3. How does the practice of these characteristics provide an adequate alternative to divorce?

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