

The Dynamic Marriage

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How do you see marriage?

Husband

How a man thinks about marriage will affect his perspective of his role, his wife's role, and the relationship itself.

Companionship

Gen 2:18

18 The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." NIV

- Suitable> means (Hebrew) comparable or corresponding to him.
- A Companion is one who is knit together with the other person.
- Husband therefore need to be intentional in treating their wives like companions> not just partners
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Treating Her Like A Companion

- Being with her and involving her
 - YOU plan time to spend together.
 - Share your "world with her" that validates her "relational" configuration.
- Understand and Help HER
 - Ask andwait for itwait for it... LISTEN
 - Prayer for her specifically by knowing her heart and needs.
 - "Plan" a regular time to talk
 - Specific time and place or....
 - "when we do chores, when we drive together etc
- Appreciate her
 - Think and verbalize certain qualities...what-so-ever is good/lovely etc
 - SPEAK WELL OF HER TO OTHERS
 - Express your appreciation directly to her verbally/VM/txt/notes
 - Let her into your world to help if she wants to (your help-meet)
 - Eph 5:25-30 Husbands love your wife....and sanctify her...
- Treat Her Special
 - Open doors
 - Non sexual affection.
 - Let intimacy be about her (Song of Solomon teaching> Cover Me)
You prepare for the bride.
 - Share your thoughts and yes feelings....it's her language.
- Have a Vision of Your Oneness for both of you.
 - Speak often of the things that God is teaching you
 - Dream and pray with her without setting specific goals
 - Protect the steps you are both taking in any new area.
 - Realize her value in the bigger picture of time, finances, priorities

Wife

Oneness and spiritual growth are achieved as each partner helps the other become as much like the Lord Jesus Christ as possible.

Security *Safety in the relationship with a secure steady flow of love from her husband*

Gen 2:24

24 For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. NIV

- Women are never to be left uncovered. The transition from parents to husband is done within the covenant relationship.
- The wife is released into the care of the husband. The husband goes and prepares a place for the wife. When the father approves he goes and gets his wife...the marriage covenant.
- Wives should let themselves be "covered" and protected.
 - Receiving the affection from their husband as he gives it.
 - Receive financial support from a husband that is diligent in preparing the financial support of his wife.
 - Receive and encourage his communication.

Significance *Value and purpose in the relationship established and continuously affirmed by her husband.*

Eph 5:22-33

22 Wives, submit to your husband's as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. 28 In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church— 30 for we are members of his body. 31 "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." 32 This is a profound mystery — but I am talking about Christ and the church. 33 However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

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- Wives submit>*respond* to your husband...because if he is loving you like Christ you will be changed into Christ image, not your husbands.
 - God has a plan. Wives grow/mature in their walk with the Lord under the covering of their husbands.
- Pray to be receptive to the work the Lord is doing to and through your husband into your marriage and your life.
- Key for a wife is her desire for oneness as it is received through Communication, Affection, Honesty and Trust, Material support, and Marriage/Family commitment.
- Significance is released as she receives the focused love from her husband interceding and desiring for her to be all GOD wants her to be. ONENESS is found as he sacrifices, serves, and gives of himself for her sake.
- Wives respect your husband to release and receive the love God has called him to speak into your life.
 - Hear his heart as a man speaking> more logic than relational
 - Hear his words as he builds boundaries around your marriage.
 - Hear his prayer as for God's strength in his weakness.
 - Hear his desire to be changed and bring spiritual leadership.
 - Hear his silence as he thinks through what God has called him to do.