



Husbands & Wives

Colossians 3:18-19



Introduction:

“Servant love is to marriage what the concept of lift is to aeronautics. Without it we won’t even get off of the ground. By applying it, husbands and wives can be freed to welcome the undiluted blessing of God on their marriage.” Dale Burke, [Different By Design](#)

The key to a healthy marriage is a servant heart.

“Men feel love when they are respected, and women feel loved when they are cared for.”

Wives, submit to your husbands.
Colossians 3:18

Submission does not mean:

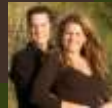
- Inferiority
- Blind Obedience
- Passivity or Silence
- Checking Your Brains at the Door



Submission is to willingly place yourself under the leadership of another.

Submission is called for in many relationships:

- Children to parents (Colossians 3:20)
- Employees to their employer
- Citizens to their leaders (Romans 13:1)
- Christians to leaders in the church (Hebrews 13:17) and to one another (Ephesians 5:21)
- All of us submit to God (James 4:7)



Even Jesus lived his life in submission to the Father (Hebrews 5:7)

Submission is primarily an attitude of the heart.

“Wives submit to your husbands as to the Lord. As the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything...However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.” Ephesians 5:22, 24 & 33

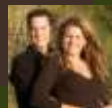


Respect means to lift up or honor another person.

Willard Harley, in [His Needs, Her Needs](#) tells us that what most men are looking for when they get married is:

- Sexual Fulfillment
- Recreational Companionship
- An Attractive Spouse
- Domestic Support
- Admiration

Wives, be a student of your husband



Husbands, love your wives.
Colossians 3:19

Our love is to be unconditional – not based on appearance or performance.

Love is sacrificial

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.” Ephesians 5:25

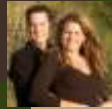


Don't be harsh means don't be critical or irritable.

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Love is Caring

“In this same way, husbands are to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.” Ephesians 5:28



Be a student of your wife.

Be a spiritual leader in your home.

What are women looking for in a marriage?

Affection

Conversation

Honesty and Openness

Financial Support

Family Commitment



Conclusion:



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what could you do to serve your spouse today?