

Husbands, Be Husbands

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On the sixth day of this world God brought forth the crown of His creation, man and woman. He created them in two very distinct ways. Adam was formed from the dust of the ground while Eve was fashioned from Adam's rib (Gen. 2:7, 22). This difference in creation was not the end of the distinction between the sexes. Men and women are different, and we should be able to unapologetically state this fact. Failure to see and understand this vital truth has caused numerous problems for our society. God, in both nature, and His Word, has clearly defined the roles of men and women. In fact, God detests the blurring of the lines between the sexes. The inspired Moses wrote, "The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God" (Deut. 22:5). In short, God is telling women to act like women and men to act like men. There is currently a war raging against the Biblical pattern for the sexes. Sadly, a casualty in this war has been the Biblical husband. What then, are the marks of a Biblical husband? Consider these three qualifications.

He Loves

Jesus is the greatest husband to ever walk this earth. Paul commanded the Philippian brethren, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:5). We need to husbands like Jesus. He adores His bride. The proof of such is seen by the blood that He shed for her. To be a Biblical husband is to follow His example of love (Eph. 5:25). A husband's love is not merely expressed in words. Though saying "I love you" is great to hear, and should be said often, genuine love is expressed in action. Sure, you are willing to die for her, but are you willing to live for her too? Loving her is serving her. Yes, you are her head, but the Savior showed us that true love was having a servant's heart (John 13:15). Sometimes the most simple of actions can express an abundance of love to your wife. Be there for her to change those light bulbs when they expire. Take the trash out when it is needed. When company is coming over set aside time in your schedule to be available to help her clean. Take the kids out of the house once in a while to allow her some alone time. The simple things we do might just turn out to be the most loving.

He Leads

Husbands and wives are taught, "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the Savior of the body" (Eph. 5:25). The most loving thing a husband can do is lead his wife in the paths of righteousness. Too often the wife becomes the spiritual leader in the home. Men, she already has a full plate (Titus 2:4-5). Be the leader that God wants you to be. Pray often with your wife. Be the one to make it clear that we will not be missing Bible class, worship, or any spiritual activities, for that matter. Set aside time every day to have a devotional with her. If such is awkward for you then let it be awkward. The more you act like a Biblical husband the easier it gets. If your home is such where the wife leads, then you need to lovingly take back the leadership role that God has intended for you.

He Learns

A Biblical husband is a learning husband. Peter commanded, “Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge...” (1 Pet. 3:7). In order to be a godly husband we must get to know our wives. As stated before, women and men are different. Not only is their body chemistry different but also the way they think. Your wife, in many ways, does not think like you do. You must strive to understand her. Without love this is impossible. Without love, a man will become lazy and determine that it is impossible to know how to deal with his wife. But a loving husband is up to the challenge. He wants to know more about his wife’s needs, and so he learns.

Men, we can be Biblical husbands. Our marriage depends upon it, and God demands it.