

A Man's Role in Marriage

Here is what God's Word says specifically to the husband about the marriage relationship:

- (Ephesians 5:25-33) –

- (1 Peter 3:7) –

- (Colossians 3:19) –

Remember, you cannot change your wife. Only the Holy Spirit can. You are accountable for your attitudes and behavior before the Lord.

“Loving your wife as Christ loved the church” Quality Control Checklist

As men, we are commanded to love our wives as Christ loves the church. Here is what the Scripture says about that love:

“Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails...” (1 Cor 13:4-8a)

Homework

1. Read (1 Corinthians 13:4-8a) out loud, putting your name in it. Example: “Lew is patient, Lew is kind...” Which of these specific characteristics of Biblical love are you having a difficult time doing? What are some specific situations that tempt you to respond unlovingly? Take this before the Lord each day, asking Him for grace to obey His Word in this area.
2. In your own words, describe what it means to “...live with your wife in an understanding way...”, as commanded in (1 Peter 3:7). In what ways do you think this act is connected with loving your wife as Christ loved the church?
3. Specifically, how do you plan to pursue “...living with your wife in an understanding way”?
4. What do you think it means to “...show (your wife) honor...”?
5. In (1 Peter 3:7), what is the point Peter is trying to make when he comments “...in the same way...”?