

UNDERSTANDING YOUR WIFE'S DEEPEST NEEDS

Extreme Home Makeover For Couples - Part 11 of 12

“A man should fulfill his duty as a husband and a woman should fulfill her duty as a wife, and each should satisfy the other's needs.”
1 Corinthians 7:3 (Good News)

“Husbands, in the same way BE CONSIDERATE as you LIVE WITH your wives, and treat them with RESPECT as the weaker partner, and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.”
1 Peter 3:7

HOW I TREAT MY WIFE DETERMINES HOW _____ MY PRAYERS ARE.

As a husband, I am to do three things according to 1 Peter 3:7.

1. _____ my wife! “Be considerate”

DEF: Thoughtful of the needs and feelings of another

2. _____ with my wife! “Live with”

DEF: Share my life . . . do things together . . . be companions

3. _____ my wife! “. . . respect . . .”

DEF: Honor my wife. Value her . . . Appreciate her value

THE FIVE DEEPEST NEEDS OF YOUR WIFE

1. My Wife Needs My Affection.

“...The love a man gives his wife is the extending of his love for himself to enfold her.”
Ephesians 5:28b (Phillips)

“Husbands give your wives much love; never treat them harshly.”
Colossians 3:19 (Phillips)

(Amp) “. . . be affectionate and sympathetic with them.”

Affection is the _____.

Sex is the _____.

Four Ways to Show Affection

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

“No man ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and carefully protects and cherishes it, as Christ does the church.”
Ephesians 5:29 (Amplified)

Her greatest need is to feel “cherished”:

The feeling that she is _____ to me than anyone or anything else!

2. My Wife Needs Conversation With Me.

“...Live together in harmony and love, as though you had only one mind and one spirit between you.”
Philippians 2:2 (Phillips)

“Reliable communications permits progress. . . .”
Proverbs 13:17 (Living Bible)

“Don't just think about your own affairs, but be interested in others too, and in what they are doing.”
Philippians 2:4 (Living Bible)

3. My Wife Needs My Honesty and Openness.

“Insincere talk hides what you are really thinking...it brings nothing but ruin.”
Proverbs 26:23, 28

“The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful.”
Proverbs 12:22

4. My Wife Needs Financial Security.

“If anyone does not provide for his relatives, especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”
1 Timothy 5:8

“It is better to be an ordinary man working for a living than to play the part of a great man but go hungry.”
Proverbs 12:9 (Good News)

“The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets.”
Proverbs 21:20 (Living Bible)

5. My Wife Needs My Commitment to the Family.

• Be faithful to my wife.

“He who commits adultery is an utter fool for he destroys his own soul.”
Proverbs 6:32 (Living Bible)

• Share the parenting responsibilities.

“Fathers, don't over correct your children or make it difficult for them to obey. Bring them up with Christian teaching and Christian disciplines.”
Ephesians 6:4 (Phillips)

“The fool who provokes his family to anger and resentment will finally have nothing worthwhile left.”
Proverbs 29:11 (Living Bible)

• Take the initiative in home and car repairs.

“If a man is lazy, the rafters sag. If his hands are idle, the house leaks.”
Ecclesiastes 10:10

• Be the spiritual leader of your home.

“And you husbands show the same kind of love to your wives as Christ showed to the church when He died for her to make her holy and clean...”
Ephesians 5:26