

Should Marriage Matter to Me?

Yes, because it matters to God

Yes, because it makes for healthier people and communities.

Roles in Marriage

God has made men and women equal. In the marriage relationship he has assigned them _____ roles. Each role contributes to the happiness and success of that marriage. Our job as husband or wife is to understand the role God has written for us and perform it to the best of our ability.

Ephesians 5:22 “Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord”. 5:25” Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.” 5:33 “However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.”

Colossians 3:18-19 “Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting to the Lord. Husbands love your wives and do not be harsh with them”.

1. Wives submit to your husbands as to the Lord

- Submission is a _____ act of one equal to another equal for the smooth operation of the marriage.
- Submission is about _____ to God. It is a conscience choice to obey the role God has given to wives and to trust Him to build the marriage.

2. Wives must respect her husband

- Respect his _____
A man deeply needs his wife to respect his knowledge, opinions and decisions.
- Respect his _____
A wise wife will respect the abilities her husband possesses and admire the result of his effort.

3. Husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her

- _____ your wife of your love
Buried inside most women is a latent insecurity about whether their man REALLY loves them.
- Offer _____ security.

Your wife feels emotionally secure when:

- She feels the two of you are close
- She sees that you make time together a priority
- She sees that you are active in the life of the home
- She sees you making an effort to provide, (as long as that doesn't crowd out needs 1-3)
- She feels your exclusive love

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4. Sexual fulfillment within marriage is a role given to both husbands and wives equally.

I Corinthians 7:3-5 "The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. The wife's body does not belong to her alone but also to her husband. In the same way, the husband's body does not belong to him alone but also to his wife. Do not deprive each other except by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control."

Sexuality is God's idea. Married sex is a gift to husband and wife, it is a _____ that soothes the flaws and gaps that are in a marriage. This balm helps complete, console and unite husband and wife.

This message is about obedience and your _____ to the role God has given you. Scripture is filled with promises to all of us about the benefits and blessings that come with obedience.

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Yes, there are _____ in the role that God has assigned to me.

For Women Only

For Men Only

Love and Respect

The Power of a Praying Wife

Sheet Music

The Act of Marriage Over 40

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