

The Ideal Husband

What God Thinks an Ideal Husband Should Be



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1. What position does the husband occupy in the family?

Ephesians 5:23, "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the Head of the Church: and he is the saviour of the body."

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2. Why is this position of responsibility his?

1 Corinthians 11:8-9, "For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man. Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man."

3. What beautiful illustration of headship precludes any abuse of this prerogative?

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4. To whom will the Christian husband be subject?

1 Corinthians 11:3, "But I would have you know, that the Head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the Head of Christ is God."

The head of every man is Christ.

5. How should husbands relate themselves to their wives?

Colossians 3:19, "Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them."

Christianity is love and a Christian home is one in which love reigns. There must be love in action, love that flows out in all the

home showing itself in a thousand little expressions of thoughtfulness, kindness, unselfishness, and gracious courtesy.

6. What should be the degree of affection?

Ephesians 5:33, "Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband."

Ephesians 5:28, "So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself."

7. How will the husbands love come back to him?

Ephesians 5:28-29, "So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the Church."

8. What still nobler example of love is set before the husband for his emulation?

Ephesians 5:25, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave Himself for it."

9. What is the beautiful example of love between husband and wife which the Scriptures provide?

Genesis 24:67, "And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death."

10. In addition to bestowing upon his wife love, what honor should the husband give to her?

1 Peter 3:7, "Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the GRACE of life; that your prayers be not hindered."

11. What pride should he have in her?

1 Corinthians 11:7, "For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: **but the woman is the glory of the man.**"

12. With what consideration should a husband treat his wife?

1 Corinthians 7:3, "Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband."

13. What responsibility has the husband to the household?

1 Timothy 5:8, "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel."

14. How light does love make the heavy burdens?

Genesis 29:20, "And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her."

15. What will a good father delight in giving to his children?

Luke 11:11-13, "If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?"

You know how to give good gifts to your children.

16. What heritage will he also seek to pass on to them?

Proverbs 13:22, "A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just."

Proverbs 20:7, "The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him."

17. What should increase with the years?

Job 12:12, "With the ancient is wisdom; and in length of days understanding."

Titus 2:1-2, "But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine: That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience."

18. What blessings does God promise to the Christian husband?

Psalms 128:3-4, "Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table. Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD."

Psalms 128:6, "Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel."

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