

INTERRELATIONSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY IN MARRIAGE

1. The major responsibility in marriage lies with the husband.
2. The man has the responsibility of initiating and expressing a mental attitude love and the woman responds to it.
3. The woman can never be expected to respond properly in marriage, until the man understands the injunction of Ephesians 5:25, "Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the Church, and gave Himself for it."
4. A woman can only fulfill Ephesians 5:22 when the husband fulfills Ephesians 5:25.
A. Verse 22, "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord."
5. The woman is at her feminine best, with all the glory and majesty of her inner beauty, only when she is in a position to respond to her Right-man.
6. If she does not have something to respond to, she is going to react to him in one of two ways, unless she is filled with God the Holy Spirit, and "growing in GRACE."
A. Become bitter and frustrated and nag her husband. Practice some form of escapism, such as drinking, gambling, some office, some position.
7. Homo sapiens are given the instinct of love, but the old sin nature distorts the instinct and perverts it.
8. Love is a tremendous source of strength in the adversities and difficulties of life. It is practical, as well as idealistic.
9. When two people know the real meaning of love, they do not pick each other to pieces in front of others, they do not sulk and seek to hurt each other and become competitive.
10. The interrelationship between husband and wife must be one of cooperation, rather than one of competition.
11. In a normal marriage, no wife really wants to dominate her husband. She prefers to be married to a husband whom she can respect, who is mature and assumes the necessary responsibilities of family life, and who is considerate of her opinions whenever facing a decision.
12. The man is the head of the home. This does not mean that the wife has no rights. She has her rightful place in the home, and it should be a place of honor, not a place of degradation.
13. Christ is the Savior of the Body, the Church, and the husband is the savior of the woman's body, both physically and mentally. A woman's health and attitudes depend upon how she responds to her Right-man. The man is the guardian of the woman's soul.
14. The woman who has something to which to respond makes a career out of loving such a man. Such a man who is loved thus by a woman, is thrice blessed. Proverbs 18:22, "Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord."

15. Where there is a mental failure, there is usually a mental attitude lacking in the husband.
16. When believers have problems in their marriage, the husband, who is the major stockholder, had better hold a stockholders' meeting and find out what to do about the situation.

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