

MARRIAGE, THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MAN
"RENDER DUE BENEVOLENCE," 1 Corinthians 7:3

1. The husband is the head of the home. This connotes leadership in the area of family life.
2. The foundation for the family and for the home is the husband's love, for without his mental attitude of love, he can expect no response from his wife.
 - A. Ephesians 5:25, 28, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it." "So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself."
3. The woman was made for the man, to please him, and the woman is never complete without the man. The woman only becomes complex when she has nothing to respond to.
 - A. 1 Corinthians 11:7-9, "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. For the man is not of the woman; but the woman for the man. Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man."
4. When a man invests nothing in his marriage, he will receive nothing in return.
5. The husband's responsibility to the family does not end with being the bread winner, which is only a small part of the responsibility in compatibility in marriage.
6. The husband should initiate love, mental attitude love, expressing itself in conversation, and behavior pattern, as well as sex.
7. The husband should have time for his wife and family. The whole life of a woman is centered in her husband, while the husband has many interests.
8. The wife wants to feel wanted and protected. Her security is in the love of her husband, not in the money he earns or his social prestige.
9. So every woman needs and wants attention, she wants to feel as though she belongs. She should be protected, rather than maligned.
10. A woman is like a plant that requires sunshine and water for survival.
11. The man who lives by his ego, one who is wrapped up in his own importance, has no capacity for love. The control of God the Holy Spirit in the believer's life eliminates this ego lust pattern in the believer.
12. Some men want their wife to assume the role of a mother to them, to give care and protection and attention to them as a mother would. So, instead of the man giving, he demands this protection. This type of a man has not grown up and thinks only of what he can get, not what he can give.

Example: Some men get into problems at work, and they may then, when at home, expect their wives to answer the phone, saying they are not at home, or expect their wives to smooth-talk some critic out of his hostility for the husband. It will never work.
13. A woman wants to look with respect toward her husband. She does not want to look at him as just another child to rear and handle.

14. She needs to have a sense of security which comes from knowing that he makes decisions which are good, that he has good judgment; this develops respect, true love demands as one of its ingredients.
15. Marriage does not give the man the right of being a bully, or a brute, one who demands their rights as the head of the house with never a "Thank you." Nor does it give the wife the right to spend a lifetime trying to straighten out her husband, and to mold him into the image of her own idealism.
16. God has made the female mind and the female body to respond, and when she responds mentally or physically to her Right-man, she is the glory of the man.
 - A. 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."
 - B. She was created for the man, HER MAN.
 - C. 1 Corinthians 11:9, "Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man."
17. The man is the guardian and custodian of the woman's soul. He must not destroy her responder. To possess a woman's body, without possessing her mind, her soul, is a fallacy. There must be mental attitude love first.
18. The establishing of rapport is the responsibility of the man and it starts with the mind.
19. There are three areas that the man must understand about the woman:
 - A. Her spiritual make-up.
 - B. Her mental make-up.
 - C. Her physical make-up.
20. Part of the husband's obligation and his responsibility as a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ is to please his wife and to make his marriage a success.
21. A husband must so love his wife, as Christ loved the Church, and gave Himself for it. The basis is GRACE. Giving is of the utmost importance in:
 - A. Sex, living, conversation.
 - B. Protection, fellowship, understanding.
 - C. And every other facet of life.
22. A woman must be free and have freedom to respond to her own husband's love, for without freedom, she will not have the desire.
23. A woman's desire toward her husband must be correlated with her volition, her free will. A man who eliminates a woman's free will, volition, destroys the whole mental attitude picture.

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