

Session Four
What Men/Women Want
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What Husbands Need

A man's greatest need is to be admired!

Ephesians 5:33, (Living Bible) Let the wife see that she respects and reverences her husband, that she notices him, honors him, prefers him, venerates him and esteems him and that she defers to him, praises him and admires him exceedingly.

Admiration is something a man cannot get for himself!

1. Admire his manly qualities
2. His superior strength
3. His manly courage
4. His leadership ability
5. His sexual capacities
6. His mental capacities

How to Develop Admiration

1. Set out to discover him
2. Become interested in him
3. Listen to him talk

How to Express Admiration:

1. Be specific (don't just say, "I admire you")
2. Speak with warmth and tenderness

If with pleasure you are viewing
Any work a man is doing,
If you like him or you love him tell him now.
Don't withhold your approbation
Till the parson make oration
As he lies with snowy lilies o'er his brow.
If you think some praise is due him
Now's the time to slip it to him
For he cannot read his tombstone when he's dead!

What Wives Need

God made women and He knew what she needed, and He told the man what to do.

Ephesians 5:25-29, Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church, and gave Himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish. So, ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife, loveth himself. For no man ever hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church.

HOW CAN YOU GIVE THE KIND OF LOVE YOUR WIFE NEEDS?

1. Cultivate A Feeling of Love by:

a. Provision

Genesis 3:19, In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground.

Who did God say that to? The Man

b. Protection

Physically – God has given men great physical strength and also given a need or desire to be protectors.

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Emotionally - Ephesians 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.

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

Theologically – There were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

C. Leading Her With Firmness

Ephesians 5:22, Wives submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church and he is the savior of the body. Therefore, as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

D. Expressing Love, with words and actions

‘Tis the human touch in this world that counts
The touch of your hand and mine,
That means far more to the fainting heart
Than shelter and bread and wine.
For shelter is gone when the night is o’er
And bread lasts only a day,
But the touch of the hand
And the sound of the voice
Sing on in the soul always!

E. Proving Love

It is a fundamental fact that if we place a high value on a person, and let them know that we regard them highly; they will tend to want to be that finer person. Unfortunately, there are men who fall short of making a woman feel queenly...they criticize and make slighting remarks.

Matthew 7:1-5, (From the Living Bible and I have paraphrased)

Don’t criticize and then you won’t be criticized. For your Spouse will treat you as you treat them. And why worry about a speck in the eye of your spouse, when you have a board in your own? Should you say, “Honey, let me help you get that speck out of your eye”, when you can’t even see because of the board in your own. Hypocrite, first get rid of the board, then you can see to help your spouse.

Look to Her Better Side!

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For no matter how you shout it,
She/He won't really care about it
For she/he cannot read her/his tombstone when she's/he's dead!