

# Fathers' Studies: Husband-Wife Relationships

"...that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."

LESSON 15 OF 52

## A WOMAN'S VALUE

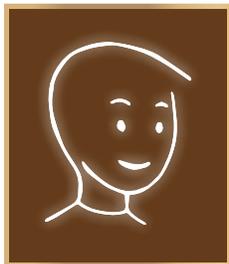
**LESSON AIM:** To understand that God values women very highly.

### KEY VERSE:

1. **PROVERBS 31:10** God honours women. The worth of a good woman is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
2. **1 PETER 3:4** In God's sight a gentle and quiet spirit in a woman is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. **PROVERBS 12:4** A good wife is the \_\_\_\_\_ of her husband.
4. **HEBREWS 11:11** What woman was listed with those people of great faith? \_\_\_\_\_

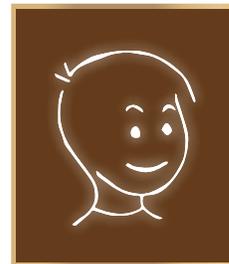
### PERSONAL NOTES:

## For You To Do



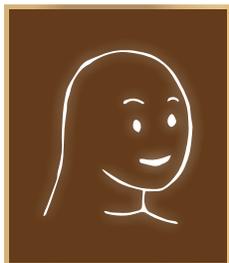
### By Yourself

Treat your wife kindly and gently. Be sensitive to her feelings. Write down one good thing about her that you want to tell her by tomorrow.



### With Your Children

Tell your children some of the things about their mother that first made you want to marry her.



### With Your Wife

Plan at least one time this week when you can be alone with your wife for a time of intimate conversation.

After God made man, He saw that His creation was not complete. Adam was lonely. Then God made Eve, a woman. Eve was made as a helper for Adam. Since Adam was male and Eve was female, there were physical differences. But a woman is more than a person who is different in appearance from a man. The differences are deeper. What, then, is a woman like?

## **HAS STRONG EMOTIONAL FEELINGS.**

Her emotional needs are often stronger than her physical sexual desires. A woman desires security and lasting human relationships. The centre of love for a woman is in confidence, in trust, and in fellowship with her loved one. Emotions of fear and worry are common.

## **NEEDS CONVERSATION.**

A deep need for a woman is intimate conversation. She enjoys sharing the deep personal thoughts of her life with someone she loves, and she enjoys having that person respond.

## **RESPONDS TO PHYSICAL TOUCH AND TOKENS OF AFFECTION.**

A woman responds quickly to the physical touch of another person. The emotions of men are stirred more quickly by what they see. A woman, in the marriage relationship likes physical expressions of affection that involve touch, such as hugs and kisses throughout the day.

## **MOTHERING NATURE.**

Most women want to be mothers. They feel comfortable and fulfilled with children. Many women who are unable to reproduce a child feel frustrated.

## **HOME-CENTERED.**

A married mother who does not have a job outside the home spends most of her time in her house. She develops attachments and feelings about the house and cares about the details concerning it. The appearance of her home and the activities which go on in it are very important to her.

**WHO CAN FIND A GOOD WIFE? FOR SHE IS WORTH FAR MORE THAN RUBIES THAT MAKE ONE RICH. (PROVERBS 31:10)**

**Creation was not complete without a woman.**

**Women desire security and lasting human relationships.**

**Women enjoy sharing in intimate conversation.**

**Women like physical expressions of affection.**

**Most women have a mothering instinct.**

**Women want their home to be comfortable and attractive.**

## WINDOW TO LIFE

One Sunday after church, Patrick was talking with the men about church work. His wife Josephine came and stood beside him for a while, but Patrick never said anything to her. Soon she went away. After the men finished talking Patrick went to find his wife. He found her by herself with tears in her eyes.

“What’s wrong?” he asked.

“I don’t know,” said Josephine. “I felt so left out back there when you were talking to those men. I know you have important business, and I don’t want you to stop talking to them to talk to me. But maybe if you’d just smile at me and say ‘Hi’ or reach out and touch my hand, then I’d feel all right. Then I would know I was included in your thoughts.”

“I understand,” said Patrick, “and I’ll remember that in the future.”

