

Fathers' Studies: Husband-Wife Relationships

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

LESSON 23 OF 52

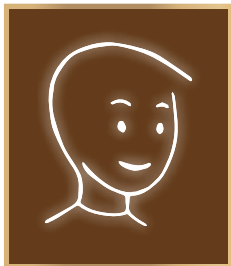
MARRIAGE MANNERS

LESSON AIM: To learn how good manners can help to prevent problems in marriage.

KEY VERSE:

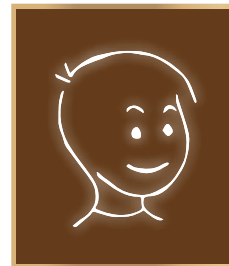
- 1 PETER 3:8** This verse encourages you to love one another with _____
_____.
- EPHESIANS 4:32** Good manners are one way of being _____ to one another.
- 1 CORINTHIANS 15:33** Bad manners can come from being with _____.
- GALATIANS 5:22-23** The Spirit of God can help a husband have good manners, because his life is filled with:
_____, _____, _____,
_____, _____, _____,
_____, _____, _____.
- JAMES 3:2** In order to have good manners, a husband must control his _____.

For You To Do



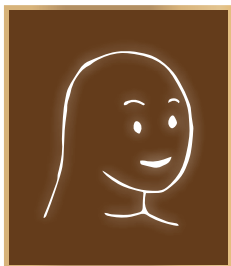
By Yourself

Check the list on learning how to control angry feelings on page 1 of lesson 4. Did you review these with your family today?



With Your Children

Tell them that you would like to improve your manners. Ask them to tell you what things you do that make them feel bad or embarrass them.



With Your Wife

Ask her if your manners are as good now as they were before you were married. Ask her to tell you honestly what you could do to improve them.

Good manners are important in marriage. When a husband treats his wife with courtesy, it is a sign to her that he really loves her. She feels that he will take care of her and protect her. Many marriage problems would never start if the couple practised good manners with each other.

Here are some things to do that will show your wife that you really love her.

Do:

- Tell her where you are going and what you will be doing
- Open doors for her and let her go through first
- Lift heavy objects for her
- Talk to her before making decisions that will affect her
- Keep yourself clean and neat
- Help her put her coat on and take it off
- Pick up your things in the house
- Be on time for meals and other appointments

Do Not:

- Argue, talk about her faults or correct her in public
- Talk to your wife about other women you have liked
- Criticize her family in public
- Make jokes about her
- Travel alone with another women
- Make jokes about having sex with another woman
- Talk to others about personal things she has shared with you
- Interrupt her or turn away while she is talking to you

PROVERBS 15:4, GALATIANS 5:26, COLOSSIANS 4:6, JAMES 3:2

“IN THE SAME WAY, HUSBANDS SHOULD...RESPECT THEIR WIVES...

REMEMBER BOTH HUSBAND AND WIFE ARE TO SHARE TOGETHER THE GIFT OF LIFE THAT LASTS FOREVER.” 1 PETER 3:7

WINDOW TO LIFE

Carol and Donald were married fifteen years ago. When they got married, Carol wanted a big wedding with a fancy cake. Donald wasn't interested in a big wedding. After an argument, Carol said she would go ahead and get everything with her own money. These kind of arguments went on throughout their married life. She wanted wallpaper for the kitchen, and he didn't. So she bought some with her own money, but he would not put it on the walls for her.

Carol was never interested in Donald's job. She was always talking about her interests. Carol complains now that Donald seems more willing to fix things on the neighbour's house than on their own.

Carol and Donald have never learned to display any kind of good manners toward each other, and their marriage brings them much misery.

Good manners are a way of showing love.

Good manners would prevent many marriage problems.

Good manners involve:

- actions
- feelings
- speech
- appearance

Good manners show your wife that you are thinking about her.

Good manners should be used all the time, not just on special occasions.

