

# Fathers' Studies: Husband-Wife Relationships

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

LESSON 24 OF 52

## MAKING YOUR WIFE HAPPY

**LESSON AIM:** To learn how to make your wife happy by meeting some of her special needs.

### KEY VERSE:

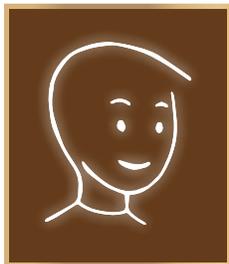
1. **1 CORINTHIANS 7:33** A husband should \_\_\_\_\_ his wife.
2. **DEUTERONOMY 24:5** God told His people that it is more important for a man to make his wife happy than it is for him to \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.
3. **PSALM 101:2-3** David wanted to lead his household without doing wrong. He said he would not look at anything \_\_\_\_\_. He hated \_\_\_\_\_.
4. **SONG OF SOLOMON 7:1-9** A wife likes to be admired and praised. King Solomon compared his wife to the most beautiful things that he knew. Name four of them.

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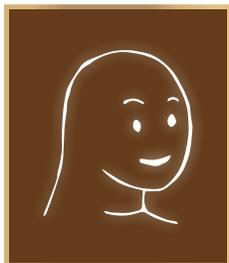
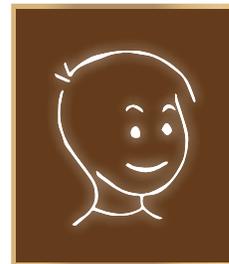
### PERSONAL NOTES:

## For You To Do



### By Yourself

Get a copy of your wedding vows. Memorize them and repeat them each day as part of your prayers.



### With Your Wife

Read Psalm 101 out loud to her. Tell her that this is the kind of leader you want to be.

### With Your Children

With your wife listening, tell your children the story of how you first met your wife. Explain to them why you are sure she is the only woman in this world for you.

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People are happy when their needs are met. To make his wife happy, a husband should understand what her needs are. These may be physical, spiritual, or emotional. Here are some of the special emotional needs of a wife.

**TO KNOW THAT NO OTHER WOMAN CAN TAKE HER PLACE.** A wife needs to know that she is special to her husband. She can sense very quickly when her husband is paying attention to another woman. If you must work closely with another woman (your secretary, for example), find special ways to make sure your wife knows she is No. 1.

**TO BE UNDERSTOOD.** Can you list your wife's spiritual, emotional, mental, and physical strengths? Can you list her weaknesses? You can give her good advice and counsel only if you know both her strengths and weaknesses.

**TO FEEL PROTECTED.** She wants to feel your strong arm of protection around her. She needs to trust you for protection against both spiritual dangers and natural dangers. She wants to know that you will do your best to provide food, clothing, and shelter. This makes her feel secure and happy.

**TO REACH HER GOALS.** A wife has goals and dreams. A wise husband will know what these are and will help her to reach her goals and fulfill her dreams. He will help her to see the value of the work that she is doing in the home.

**TO HAVE A SPIRITUAL LEADER.** She needs her husband's spiritual counsel and example. If he has a growing relationship with God, loves and obeys God's Word, is true to his convictions, and has the fruit of God's Spirit in his life (see Galatians 5:22-23), she will feel more confident and happy.

1 TIMOTHY 5:8, 1 PETER 3:7

**THE MAN WHO IS MARRIED...WANTS TO PLEASE HIS WIFE.  
(1 CORINTHIANS 7:33)**

**A wife needs to know that she is special to her husband.**

**A wife needs to have her husband understand her.**

A wife needs protection

- spiritual
- physical
- emotional

**A wife needs to see that her work is helping her to reach her goals.**

**A wife needs a spiritual leader with**

- a growing relationship with God
- obedience to God's Word
- spiritual convictions
- the fruit of God's Spirit

## WINDOW TO LIFE

Dennis married a girl from another village. He brought her to his own village to live. Soon he did not enjoy spending time with her any more. He was usually out with friends. He was very selfish.

Meanwhile his wife sat at home with the children. She was sad and lonely. She wished that she could go back to her home and family.

When Dennis gave his life to God, he began to see his problem. Before this, he was interested only in himself. He had not been interested in the needs of his wife. When he began taking an interest in these needs, their marriage and family life became happy again.

