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Forward

With the exception of the Scripture, commonly known as the Holy Bible, there are no books that can answer every question. This book is no exception to this statement.

This book will never replace the Wisdom you will get from personal study of the Scripture or from your own personal life experiences. Hopefully, it will adjust your point of view and help you find the answers you need and maybe resolve a conflict or two. I have read many books on the subjects of marriage, relationships and yes, even sex. I have been in bookstores, and looking at the titles of the vast selection of books, I get excited thinking, finally someone wrote a book about.... Then after reading those books, I am sometimes left with more questions and too often, not the answers the book promised. Maybe we need a researcher and writer who will be blunt and tell it like it is.

Many couples go through marriage counseling hoping someone will just tell them specifically what to do, and though that may not be the wisest way

to counsel, there are times when it is necessary. People will search for the solutions to these problems in books because of the privacy they afford. My own experience with this has not been positive. After purchasing what seemed to be countless books, I have often been disappointed in that I never seem to find all the answers that I am looking for. This book, not a complete book of answers, but as a straightforward approach, is to help you get the answers you need.

Many years ago, I was planning my first trip to Europe. London, Paris and Edinburgh were all on the itinerary. Wanting to be well prepared with information about sights to see, transportation, money and weather, I purchased travel guidebooks. I learned enough from the guidebooks to make my trip enjoyable; and by the third day in the first city, I had the confidence of a well-seasoned traveler. I since have returned to London many times, and by the third trip, I was very familiar with the city. I knew how to get around on public transportation, where to shop, where to eat and how to find good deals on hotels. It all started with a little pop-up travel guide, just enough to get me started in the right direction with the right point of view.

I firmly believe firsthand experience is the best way to learn anything and with some good information going into it, that experience can be fulfilling and enjoyable.

I am not claiming that this book is the definitive answer to all of your questions. I am saying it is a good place to start. I hope it will provoke you to understand things a little differently, from a different point of view, so you will be headed to all of the blessings the Almighty has prepared for you.

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The Assignment

Being the husband your wife needs is an Assignment from the Creator, a divine Assignment.

An Assignment is any problem you have been created to solve. Eyeglasses solve vision problems, automobiles solve transportation problems, and food solves hunger and nutrition problems. Everything created solves a problem.

The man was created to solve the maintenance problems in the Garden of Eden. Read Genesis chapters 1 and 2. The first chapter tells the creation story, the second chapter, starting in verse 5, retells the sixth day of creation. Genesis 2:5-8, *Now no shrub of the field had yet sprung up, for YHWH Elohim had not sent rain on the earth, and there was no man to till the ground, 6 but a mist went up from the earth and watered the entire surface of the ground. 7 And YHWH Elohim formed the man out of the dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils breath of life. And the man became a living being. 8 And YHWH Elohim planted a garden in Eden, to the east, and there He put the man whom He had formed.*

Verse 5 tells us that there was no man to till the ground; the man was created to solve that problem.

The man was created to tend the Garden, which was his Assignment. He was given purpose and with purpose there is always provision. Genesis 1:29, *And Elohim said, 'See, I have given you every plant that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed, to you for food.*

Elohim knew that it was not good for the man to be alone and that he would need help with his Assignment. Genesis 2:1-20, *And from the ground YHWH Elohim formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called each living creature that was its name. 20 So the man gave names to all livestock, and to the birds of the heavens, and to every beast of the field, But for the man, there not found a helper for him, as his counterpart.*

All of the animals were brought before the man for his review. The man was given authority to name the animals while looking at them for a helper, a counterpart. None were suitable. Genesis 2:21-23, *So YHWH Elohim caused a deep sleep to*

fall on the man, and he slept. And He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. 22 And the rib which YHWH Elohim had taken from the man he made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. 23 and the man said, 'This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. This one is called 'woman,' because she was taken out of man.

The woman was created to be a helper for the man, his counterpart. The man had his Assignment and needed help, the woman was sent to be his wife, that is, to help him with his Assignment. The man knew his Assignment; he was given provision, authority and a helper.

At this point, there is a significant difference to notice between the Assignment of the husband and the Assignment of a wife. That is, a husband needs help with his Assignment.

Adam was not sent to help Eve be a wife or later to help her be a mother. She was created to be that within herself and did not need external help with that part of her Assignment. She was sent to Adam to help him with his Assignment by being his wife. Part of being a wife is helping your husband with his Assignment. The Assignment of husband begins with the revelation of who your wife is.

The husband must know her as his wife, his other half. He is incomplete without her. The love he has for himself is shown in the love he has for his wife. She is the closest piece of the Kingdom of God in his life. She is the daughter of the Most High God. The husband is assigned to be her covering; he is entrusted with this Assignment from the Creator.

There is a power that can be embraced when we know our Assignment and understand the provision and authority that is given to us to fulfill our purpose. My father and mother knew this.

Through all of their many years of marriage my father knew who he was and fully understood his purpose. My mother was his wife; and even today as a widow she will say, "I will always be your father's wife." My father viewed his Assignment this way; first he was to be a husband to my mother, then a father to his children, then a teacher. As a husband, he saw his wife as the closest part of the Kingdom of Heaven that was in his life and he treasured her. My mother was the greatest gift he ever received from the Almighty. Proverbs 18:2, *he who has found a wife has found good, And receives favor from YHWH.*

In the early years of their marriage before children, his primary purpose was to be her

husband and her purpose was to be his wife. There was provision, he worked and through his job, their needs were met. My mother worked within the home providing the environment he needed to thrive in the workplace, a peaceful place with things in order. As the family began, the Assignment enlarged, now they were not just assigned to be husband and wife, and they were to also be father and mother.

Your Assignment is a discovery, not a choice.

My father further discovered he was to become a teacher. This required preparation. He needed further education and a geographical move.

An Assignment is always to a specific person at a specific time in a specific place.

The people were high school students in the town of Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, and the time was 1958. My father resigned from a financially rewarding career to become a school teacher for a drastically lower salary. My mother was completely committed to him and his purpose; they moved hours away from what had been home for their entire lives and started something new. Without her by his side in total agreement, I'm sure it would have met with disaster. It was financially

difficult, but there is always provision in your Assignment.

Saying there is always provision in your Assignment and knowing it are two very different things. My father knew it. He expected provision and he knew he had to do his part to have it. He also understood he was my mother's covering. And as her covering, all of the blessings from YHWH came through him.

At this start of a new life as a teacher is when I came along as the fifth child of the family, which later grew to seven. I saw my father work as a school teacher and do a variety of other work after school, on weekends and during the summer months. This was the provision that my mother had wisdom for managing. My father needed her help for this. Not just caring for his children but also managing the business matters of the home.

He knew he could not and should not do everything. This is a needed quality of a man that begins within himself. He must not only recognize his Assignment but he must also recognize the Assignment of his wife, that of a helper.

You have an authority in your Assignment. Authority is the power to perform your divine

Assignment. YHWH will never send anyone to do something without giving them the ability to do it.

A policeman has an authority. He can stop a driver for not obeying traffic laws and issue them a fine. But of course, he must be in his jurisdiction. That is, a policeman in Pennsylvania has an authority in Pennsylvania. He does not have the same authority in Manila. We must be in the right place.

Both my mother and father exercised their authority with a great wisdom. My mother used that authority to keep the home in order which included the children; we were always clean and presentable; my father was proud of us. She did not directly help my father with his work as a teacher; she did not help him grade papers or type lessons. She helped by giving him a peaceful home and taking care of him and his children.

My father used his authority with a great love. He never expressed any disappointment in any of his children, regardless of the things we did. He knew he had an authority as a father to speak life and blessing into his children, and he seemed to do that best when we deserved it least. As a husband, he used his authority and always spoke words of love

and desire to my mother. He was always able to meet her need for security.

As we grew into adults, their Assignment required further discovery. It seems a mother is always a mother but a father's role in his child's life changes as they grow older. My father, while remaining "father", became "friend". Over the years, we had a different relationship, we were still father and son, but now we were almost peers having shared similar life experiences.

He faced a difficult time when retirement from teaching approached. It had been a part of him for so many years, and it seemed impossible to just walk away from it. For a few years after retiring he seemed to go through a withdrawal from teaching and the school. He stayed involved with the school through committees and service programs which helped him make the adjustment into retirement. My mother was very supportive of him, knowing how important his Assignment as a teacher was. This time allowed him to make the transition into the next season of his life.

Years later as he lay in a hospital bed, with his health fading and his time to sleep nearing; he still was empowered by his Assignment. He had fulfilled the Assignment of teacher and had fulfilled the

Assignment of father. It was the Assignment of husband that was keeping him alive.

I spent time with him on his last day; I spoke with him about purpose and how his example impacted my life. I spoke with my mother and asked her to release him from his Assignment of being her husband, she knew it was something she needed to do, but selfishly did not want to let him go. On his final day, after every visitor left, giving my mother time alone with him, she released him from his Assignment and left for the evening. Shortly after arriving home, the hospital staff called to say he went to sleep.

We should all know the power of our Assignment, it will sustain us through the most difficult and trying times, it will empower us to do what may seem impossible to others and it will defy death. Hebrews 12:1-2, *We too, then having so great a cloud of witnesses all around us, let us lay aside every weight that so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race set before us, 2 looking to the Princely Leader and Perfector of our belief, Yahshua, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the stake, having despised the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of Elohim.*

Discover your Assignment, discover what problems you were created to solve. There is no one else who can take your place; your Assignment cannot be completed by anyone but you. A husband knows his Assignment is to be the channel of blessing for his wife. A husband that brings blessing to his wife is the husband every wife needs.

Covering

A husband must fully understand his Assignment. He must know what is expected of him from his Creator. He was created to solve a problem, part of which is that his wife needs to be covered.

An umbrella will keep you dry during rain as long as you stand under it. In marriage there is one umbrella, and YHWH has assigned the husband to hold it. It is through him that the wife will receive blessings in her life. As she stands close to him, under the umbrella, she has the protection, the provision and the authority for her Assignment, all that comes from YHWH.

A true understanding of covering can be found only in Scripture. I will add explanations in parenthesis to certain words to assist in understanding the true import of the verses. 1 Corinthians 11:1-16, *Become imitators of me, as I also am of Messiah. 2 And I praise you, brothers, that you remember me in every way and keep the traditions as I delivered them to you. 3 And I wish you to know that the head (authority) of every man is the Messiah, and the head (authority) of the woman is the (her) man, and the head of Messiah is*

Elohim. 4 Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, brings shame to his Head. 5 And every woman praying or prophesying with her head uncovered (without being under authority) brings shame to her head, for that is the one and the same as if her head were shaved. 6 For if a woman is not covered, let her also be shorn. But if it is a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaved, let her be covered. 7 For a man indeed should not cover his head (put himself under the authority of someone other than the Messiah), since he is the likeness and esteem of Elohim, but woman is the esteem of man. 8 For man is not from woman, but woman from man. 9 For man also was not created for the woman, but woman for the (her) man. 10 Because of this the woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the messengers. 11 However, man is not independent of woman, nor woman independent of man, in the Master. 12 For as the woman was from the (her) man, even so the man also is through the woman. But all are from Elohim. 13 Judge for yourselves; is it proper for a woman to pray to Elohim with her head uncovered? 14 Does not nature itself teach you that if a man indeed has long hair (a covering other than the Messiah); it is a disrespect to him? 15 And if a woman has long hair, it is an esteem to

her, because the long hair has been given to her over against a veil (a covering). 16 If, however, anyone seems to be contentious, we do not have such a habit, nor do the assemblies of Elohim.

While these verses can be read in various translations they can only have one true meaning. That true meaning can only be understood when they are read in context. The entire book of 1 Corinthians is a letter of correction from Apostle Paul to the Corinthian assembly of believers. 1 Corinthians 1:10-12 is Paul's appeal to the brethren to end division and strife caused by them putting themselves under man's authority rather than the under the Messiah's authority.

I would like to repeat 1 Corinthians 11:1-16 in another version to help bring clarity to what is written. *Imitate me, Paul, as I am imitating our Messiah who is the head of the body of believers. First I praise you brethren, that you remember me in all things and keep the instructions and traditions that I have delivered to you. But, just so there is no confusion about proper ministry and authority in the body, I want you to understand something; the head of the man is the Messiah and the head of the woman is her man (father or husband). The head of the Messiah is YHWH. And this is the proper chain*

of authority and the only covering approved by the Almighty. So, understand any man that prays or prophesies under the covering or authority of another man or man-made institution, dishonors his head; the Messiah. And when a woman does the same without being under the authority of her man, she brings shame on herself. It is a shame for a woman just as it is a shame for her to be a shaved head pagan temple prostitute. I want you to understand that I, Paul, am not your head. The man of the house is the head of his family and answers to the head of the body, which is the Messiah. You are not to bow to those who desire to be your head. You are not to be subject to the manipulation and control of those who want to set themselves on a plateau of authority over you. True ministers are your servants; they are not your head! Servants put themselves on a lower level in order to serve. There is one Lord, one head, who is the Messiah. But concerning woman; every woman that prays or prophesies not being under the covering or authority of her man (father or husband), who is her head, dishonors and disrespects him. Let the man of the house be the head of the house and the ultimate authority under the Messiah. Neither myself, any apostle, nor a woman is over the man. Because he is the image and glory of God, and the

woman is the glory of the man if she is under the authority of her man. Man was not created for the woman; but the woman for the man. For this reason the woman ought to be under the authority of her man, her head. A man is not to dishonor his head, the Messiah by not fully walking in his authority as head of the house. A wife is to honor her head, her husband by relinquishing authority to him as her covering. The man of the house is the highest authority on earth. He is the high priest of his home and no one has the right to usurp that authority.

The Messiah is the covering, the authority over a husband and the husband is the covering over his wife. A woman is under her father's covering prior to marriage when she would then be under the covering of her husband. This is depicted in a Jewish wedding by the bride coming under the Huppah, a canopy, of her bridegroom to show herself as coming under his covering.

A man is shamed to put himself under the authority of someone other than the Messiah when he is praying or prophesying, and a wife is shamed to not allow the authority of her husband to cover and protect her.

It is through the husband that the blessings of YHWH will flow into the life of his wife. It is a place of spiritual protection for her. As the husband holds the umbrella, his wife must be near him to stay safe and dry from the rain. If she walks outside of the covering she will get wet.

A husband must not only hold that umbrella, he must also make a loving place that his wife would want to stand. This is the husband every wife needs.

Three Main Ingredients

There are the three main ingredients in every successful marriage. They are communication, communication and communication. Yes, I am trying to make a point and emphasize COMMUNICATION.

Specifically an intellectual communication, an intimate communication and a sexual communication.

An intellectual communication is that need to talk about the affairs of life, the “how was your day” conversations. Be interested in what matters to her, and take time to learn what is important to her and when the best time is to communicate with her about these things. Timing is part of good communication. A husband and wife may differ in their point of view about family finances, but that does not mean the subject is not an important one to one or the other. Financial security may be more important to your wife than yourself, do not neglect the opportunity to give her a sense of security by making it an important issue for yourself. Consider timing in these matters, you could lose your job and not want to discuss the

matter, but when you look at it from her point of view it may require some communication, at least a “let's talk about it tomorrow”.

An intimate communication takes time to develop. These are the ways you communicate with her that no one else knows, the little gestures that have a certain meaning that only the two of you know. Understand her need for physical contact, does she need to hold your hand or sit close to you, does she need to be held close before you leave for work and hear “I love you”? Discover the intimacy that she needs and wants and provide her with it at every opportunity. It is an investment in your own intimate satisfaction. Don't wait for the perfect time or the special day, make every moment the perfect time and every day the special day.

Sexual communication is an important issue with men. Men must address this as their own responsibility. Never expect your wife to read your mind! Tell her. Many a man dreams about his wife during the work day and then returns home to anything but his dream. You must tell her your desires and expectations. Be confident that she wants to know them. Most men have no hesitation in telling their wife what they want for dinner. It

should be just as easy to tell her your sexual desires as well.

An open communication builds trust, and trust makes an open communication easier. Proverbs 18:20-22 *A man's stomach is satisfied from the fruit of his mouth; He is satisfied with the increase of his lips. 21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those loving it eat its fruit. 22 He who has found a wife has found good, And receives favor from YHWH.* From his own spoken word a husband is satisfied. He has an authority to speak death or life into his wife and his marriage. Some may see this as a choice, death is not a choice. Speak death to the distractions that come to steal away your marriage and the love you have for your wife. Speak life into her and into your marriage.

The husband every wife needs is one who communicates, not just speaks and shares his opinions and desires, but also listens. Listen to her every desire, her innermost thoughts, her concerns and the love she has for you. Give her the communication she needs.

Seven Stages of Marriage

It is true, no two marriages are alike, but most follow a similar path that flows through seven typical stages. Being aware of where you are on this path can prepare you for the unexpected and help keep your focus on the assignment.

1. **The Honeymoon** This is the stage of passion, when romance is the most important thing and intense attraction leads to a greater commitment. This does not need to end!
2. **Realization** This period seems to be unavoidable by some, it is when disappointment and conflict enter the relationship and are given a place to stay. These can be overcome by planning for the future; focus on the long term and do not make big issues out of minor disagreements.
3. **Rebellion** Selfishness is the enemy here. Your own interests battle against shared interests. Knowing the difference between a destructive desire and the need to be your true self will get anyone through this period.
4. **Cooperation** It takes time to change your ways. You may have done things a certain

way for years as a single person, but in marriage, you are no longer single. Adapt to new ways of doing things. This is the time where managing money or planning a vacation should be fun and not a time of conflict.

5. Reunion If there were children, this is when they are grown, the house is paid for and it is time to settle into this new time in your relationship. Some will over compensate with grandchildren; others will rekindle that flame of the honeymoon. The grandchildren are nice, but rekindling is better.
6. Explosion This is the time when there is drastic change in your life, like job loss, major health issues, ageing parents. You must be careful to not sacrifice the marriage over these things, find ways to treasure your marriage while dealing with the difficult things.
7. Completion This is the reward for truly knowing each other. The intimacy should be greater at this time if you have been sowing into the relationship throughout your marriage.

These seven seasons are under your control. You can make the honeymoon last a lifetime or one

week. You can skip over a time of rebellion and go straight into a life of cooperation. When you know what to expect, it is easy to prepare. Be sure to face these times with prayer and seek guidance from the Set-apart Spirit. The husband who every wife needs is one who will face these seasons of life with her, a husband who is prepared for anything that the marriage will face.

The Four Enemies

There are four enemies to the marriage relationship, and defending against them is equally the responsibility of both husband and wife. Learn to recognize when they are just starting to appear, and it will be easier to avoid the pain they can bring. In general, anything that will destroy a marriage falls into one of these four categories. Use wisdom when dealing with them as to not provoke conflict but rather resolution.

1. Contempt This is defined as willful disobedience or open disrespect. Contempt in a marriage can be seen as a violation of the marriage vows, a disregard for the other. Adultery is an act of contempt as much as any public display of disrespect. Do not be contentious, that is, do not be prone to quarrels and disputes. Proverbs 21:9, *It is better to dwell in a corner of a roof, Than in a house shared with a contentious woman. It is better to dwell in the wilderness, Than with a contentious and vexed woman.*

2. Criticism Your point of view must change if you only see the faults. Your focus must be on his good qualities. What you focus on will become your obsession, focus on the faults and you will be obsessed with the faults. Once that obsession takes root in your heart, it then finds its way out of your mouth. Luke 6:45, *The good man brings forth what is good out of the good treasure of his heart, and the wicked man brings forth what is wicked out of the wicked treasure of his heart. For out of the overflow of the heart his mouth speaks.*
3. Defensiveness This happens as a way to explain your own poor behavior. It is just as easy to say I am sorry as it is to blame it on someone else. If you are not doing your part in the marriage, it is because you are not doing your part, not because your wife is not doing hers. Your Assignment is to be her husband regardless of how well she is being your wife. Be sensitive to avoid being defensive, even if you internalize it and never vocally express yourself. Internalizing is an unhealthy expression that others may sense without any spoken words. 1 Peter 3:8 – 9, *To sum up, let all of you be like*

minded, sympathetic, loving as brothers, tenderhearted, humble-minded, 9 not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, in order to inherit a blessing.

4. Withdraw Built into us is a fight or flight response, it is by the Creator's design. It must be used correctly. You must discern when to fight or when to flee. One of the extremes of flight is withdrawal. Withdrawal often goes to the point of locking yourself in a room, leaving the home, returning to the parents' home and other extremes like these. In marriage, there may be times it is better to postpone a matter to avoid conflict and that would be a good thing. But to withdraw from your wife will only make things worse. Withdrawal can be seen as rejection. Nobody likes to be rejected, especially someone with life experiences of rejection. Closing her out is not the way to resolve any issues. Proverbs 17:17, *A friend loves at all times...*

The husband that every wife needs will face these enemies with prayer and fully expect to overcome

anything that comes against the marriage and his Assignment.

SEX

Here is the good part. In every relationship book I have ever read, they always mention sex without saying anything. Questions are addressed so eloquently without ever being answered. The questions like — Is this permissible? What does Scripture say about...? How can all of those topics be so well avoided without anyone giving a straight answer? Ask me, I will tell you my opinions and how I arrived at them from a Scriptural point of view. I will answer some specific questions that I have seen in many different books. But first, I will explain how I arrived at those answers.

Marital sex is a gift from the Creator; it is not just for making children. Sex serves as a very important part of marriage, it is what makes a husband and wife truly dependant on one another. It is a pleasure that cannot be gotten anywhere else. While some shallow forms of pleasure may be found in sin for a season, sex within marriage goes well beyond that. The pleasure of the sexual relationship within marriage is a proof of love.

Hebrews 13:4, *Let marriage be respected by all, and the bed undefiled.* This instruction reminds us

of the importance that is placed on marriage and that sex is a part of it.

What separates the marriage relationship from any other relationship? Sex. The only thing that changes from the day before the wedding to the day after is there is sex the day after. The love and respect were there before and after, but now there is sex. Sex is very important to a marriage and yourself, as well as your wife.

The husband must not look at sex as an obligation on his wife's part. It is a blessing from the Creator and it is worth taking time to learn how to please your wife. Discover her likes and dislikes and remember she, as well as you, is ever changing.

Today's excellence might be tomorrow's acceptable.

Sexual preferences will vary from couple to couple, and there is no specific answer to what is right for you. There are three general rules to follow in the sexual relationship in marriage.

1. With All sexual activity must be with your wife. Never by yourself and certainly not with someone else. This answers the question some have about self pleasuring. It

is permissible to self pleasure in the presence of your wife providing the next two criteria are met.

2. Known The activity must be known by your wife. Self pleasuring for example would not be appropriate if you were lying next to her in bed without her knowing it. Wake her up and tell her or show her, let her approve and be involved.
3. Approved This one gets the tough questions, what if I approve and she doesn't or she does and I don't? Oral/genital stimulation usually falls into this area. What if he wants this and she doesn't? Here is my answer, if he likes a certain type of food that she does not, would she cook it for him? Probably, yes, since it would please him. If she did not know how to cook it, would she learn? Again, yes, since it would please him. As a wife would of course do things to please her husband He certainly should do things to please her. What else needs to be said, the proof of love is pleasure. Pleasure can come in many areas of life and the sexual relationship should not be excluded. Learn to do what she likes. It is not necessary to be perfect at it. Your

desire to please her will not go unrewarded. Do not overlook small things and be sensitive to her desires that she shares as these come from the innermost part of her being.

Following these three simple guidelines will keep the marriage bed undefiled. The husband that every wife needs is one who fulfills her desires and looks for opportunities to please her.

Be a Leader

A husband was created and equipped to be a leader in the marriage relationship just as a wife was created to follow her husband. Being a leader is part of the Assignment of a husband.

Scripture reveals the truth about being a leader. Mark 9:35 *And sitting down, He called the twelve and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all."* This is easy to understand, the first is the last, to become the leader your wife needs, you must put yourself last and become the servant of your wife. This means putting her first. First in all things, she must be more important than anything.

Leading is not enforcing a list of do's and do not's. It is an expression of love, a desire to bring your wife onto a path of favor, a life of blessing. And that desire must be acted on. It begins with getting yourself on the path of favor, doing what it takes to be blessed.

You will not follow anyone you do not trust. Your wife will not follow you without having trust. At

every opportunity, give her reasons to trust you, show the commitment and love you have for her.

You can only lead someone to where you already are.

The story of Lot found in Genesis 19, tells of him leading his wife to safety outside of the city. Verse 26, *But his wife looked back and turned into a post of salt.* Lot was able to lead her out of the city but was not able to force her to obey the instruction of 'do not look back'. We can make estimations as to why she looked back, but ultimately she perished because she did not follow her husband.

The Scripture tells us of consequences for disobeying and rewards for obeying the Truth. The Set-apart Spirit leads us into righteousness and gives us the strength to be obedient. In the same way, a husband must be a trustworthy leader for his wife to follow. The husband every wife needs is one who leads in righteousness to the blessings of YHWH.

Feelings

There is no question that everyone has feelings regardless of how emotionless one may appear. All men have feelings and, depending on their life experiences, they may express themselves differently. We must never make general statements about anyone, it is never fair. There is nothing wrong with having control over your emotions, but there is something wrong when you withhold them from your wife.

Regardless, if a man has had a healthy upbringing or had to deal with past emotional issues as an adult, he should be able to have a healthy expression of his emotions. To withhold true feelings from your wife creates a sense of insecurity for her. Never give her a reason to question your love for her and, to the extreme, even question your fidelity.

There is a necessity in expressing your feelings to your wife. It brings life to her. There is a simple rule to follow. Proverbs 15:4, *A healing tongue is a tree of life.* Your spoken feelings must be from a healing tongue, one that builds up and does not tear down,

with words that encourage and do not condemn. These are words of acceptance and love. Even if you are sharing your feelings about a disappointment, when spoken correctly they will bring a positive result, life.

A healthy expression of feelings may vary with the individual but it will share similarities. There may be as many different ways to say "I love you" as there are people, but they are said in a way that they are received. Whether it is a special wink of the eye or a quick "love ya" she must know exactly what the message is. An open expression of your true feelings creates an environment for your relationship to grow and become stronger. Do not expect her to read your mind, tell her how you feel.

The husband every wife needs is one that will openly express his feelings to her.

Hurt

The word hurt may quickly bring a variety of images to mind. Whether the hurt is physical, financial or emotional, nobody truly wants to be hurt.

A husband must be sensitive to his wife's threshold of pain. There is a limit to what can be said and what can be done that anyone is able to bear. When that limit is exceeded, the result is the pain we call hurt. Financially you may be able to lose a certain amount of money without any significant problems. But if you would lose your life savings that would probably hurt. Every one reacts uniquely in different situations. You may be able to handle a great financial crisis without losing a moment of sleep, while your wife may be totally overcome with stress.

When someone's concerns are ignored, it is easy for them to feel the pain of hurt.

Be careful to not personalize hurt. Rather than finding someone or something to blame, try to understand why you have those feelings. Understand that hurt can be caused by the

disappointment of falling short of your own expectations. If you feel hurt by something that has happened, consider if it was something that happened because your expectations were not met or if it was something done purposely to hurt you. The way you react will have a great effect on the way your wife reacts to feeling hurt.

Proverbs 16:32 He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that rules his spirit than he that takes a city. Take time to process your feelings before reacting, this is the husband every wife needs.

Submission

Submission is probably one of the most misunderstood marital topics while also being one of the most popular. Submission is a very interesting subject. Submission is only possible in an intimate relationship; it requires a closeness that can only be found with trust. What some would think is submission, without intimacy, is actually surrender, giving up out of defeat. Submission is a voluntary act of agreeing with another's will.

I have always viewed the instructions to a wife that are in Scripture as instructions that are also for the believer. The Messiah is the bridegroom who we as the church are waiting for as the bride. So, when I read about the submission that a wife is to have for her husband, I see two different things. I see that a wife is to be submissive to her husband, and also that the believer is to be submissive to the Messiah. That helps me understand submission.

The Messiah as the husband is not a dictator or an oppressor, He is loving and kind. He wants the believer to be blessed and enjoy their life with Him. The instructions He gives are so we can have all of

the blessings He desires for us. Submission to Him is not grievous or burdensome. It does require the right point of view. I follow His instructions regardless of if I understand them, because I know He loves me and wants me to be blessed. Submission in a marriage should be the same way. When a woman is submissive to her husband it makes him want to do things for her that would please her, it brings out the best in him.

In counseling, I often hear women say that they would be submissive if their husband would do something in particular or be a different way. Most say they would be submissive if their husband loved them like the Messiah loves the church. The Scripture tells us the answer about this. The Messiah's love has been there for us before the foundations of the world were created, but we never understood it until we submitted to Him. A wife will not fully receive her husband's love without first being submissive.

You may have heard me say that most women do not know the power they have in a relationship, this is what I am talking about. A submissive wife can get whatever she needs from her husband. He will work 24 hours a day to get the things she wants, he would cut his hair the way she wants, he

would do anything the way she wants. He would even give his life for her as the Messiah did for His Bride. That is the power of purpose in a submissive wife.

Being submissive should be something inside our hearts and not something that we get into when the time is right. A wife being submissive to her husband is no different than me following the instructions that YHWH gives me. When He tells me to go, I go. When He tells me to teach something, I teach it. No matter what instruction He gives me, I will do it even if I do not understand why, all I know is that in doing it, I am pleasing Him. In following His instructions and learning to do what pleases Him, I am on a Path of Favor. The more I walk on the Path of Favor the easier it is to be submissive to His will. It is not hard to do.

A husband must understand the need to be submissive to the Word of God. Through his submission to the Truth, he becomes an example, the proof of the reward of submission to his wife. The blessings in a marriage always come through the husband that is submitting himself to follow the instructions found in the Scripture.

We are only called to be submissive to one, a husband to the Messiah and a wife to her husband. A husband that is submissive to the Messiah is the husband every wife needs.

Variety

One of man's greatest needs is change and variety. You must convey this to your wife. Remember she is not a mind reader. An understanding wife will accommodate the need for change.

A common complaint in troubled relationships is they changed. Of course they changed. Do we really expect ourselves to be the same without any change, day after day? Everything and everyone is subject to change. Understanding this will help you understand your need for change and variety. As a young man you may feel the need for a lot of physical activity and then as you age and mature that need may diminish significantly. Aging has changed you. Your physical appearance, your mental outlook, your dreams and even your appetite changes as you mature and grow older. Recognize the changes in yourself then recognize and accept the changes in your wife. It will create the atmosphere for her to accept the changes in you.

When you realize and accept the need for change in your life you are better able to communicate

that need to your wife. Rather than focusing on what might seem to be a monotonous routine, focus on sharing the need for change. Your wife is probably waiting for a change as well.

Too many men return home after a day of work expecting something different from the usual, yet they never express that desire. Do not spend the day dreaming about your wife and having a special evening with her and not share that with her. Let her know your interest in variety and something new or different. You would not hesitate to make a certain request for dinner, why not make a special request for her to dress a certain way or to be prepared for an intimate time before dinner. Use your imagination and share the desires with her. You may have been holding desires penned up inside yourself for a long time. Let her know that you trust her by sharing these.

Realizing your need for change and variety will require you to express your dreams and wishes with your wife. This is a quality that will be treasured in the husband every wife needs.

The Irresistible Man

You can be irresistible to your wife by meeting her five basic needs.

1. The husband every wife needs meets her need for affection with intimate contact at every opportunity. He will tell her how much he cares for her by speaking words of life to her. Affection is the soil in which to grow a wonderful marriage.
2. The husband every wife needs meets her need for honesty and openness by sharing his innermost thoughts. He takes the time to explain his plans clearly and sees himself as accountable to her. He truly wants her to feel secure and be able to trust him.
3. The husband every wife needs meets her need for intimate conversation by talking with her on an emotional level. He will listen to her attitudes about even the smallest matters of her day with a sensitivity, interest and concern. His conversations with her will show his desire to know her not change her.

4. The husband every wife needs is one that knows his responsibility in being a provider for his wife and family. He is not one to feel sorry for himself when the provision is insufficient, but will look for ways to meet the needs. He will be a leader when it is necessary to adjust the standard of living in order to make the marriage stronger and more fulfilling.
5. The husband every wife needs meets her need for sexual fulfillment by becoming an understanding and sensitive partner. He will study her responses and encourage her to communicate her desires and fantasies. Together they will both continually grow to have a sexual relationship that they find satisfying and enjoyable.

Being irresistible is part of the Assignment of being a husband. Being an irresistible husband will keep your wife focused on you, you will be her obsession. An irresistible husband is the husband every wife needs.

A Love Story

The book of Ruth is the story of a young widow named Ruth, whose heart had been broken by her husband's death yet healed by faith in the God of Israel. Having touched God's heart, she also touched the heart of one of God's true believers, Boaz. The intersection of their lives becomes not only the framework of an earthly love story but also the foreshadowing of the greatest love story, God's love for the world through Yahshua, Himself a descendant of Boaz and Ruth.

After the death of her husband, Ruth chose to continue living with her mother-in-law, Naomi, also widowed, who believed in the God of Israel. Ruth was a Moabitess, a foreigner who did not follow YHWH. She chose to remain Naomi's companion. Ruth 1:16, *But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you, or to go back from following after you. For wherever you go, I go; and wherever you stop over, I stop over. Your people is my people, and your Elohim is my Elohim."* She swore her allegiance to the lonely older woman, who was heartbroken over the total loss of her family. The two traveled from Moab to Naomi's home in Bethlehem just as the harvest of barley was starting.

These women had no men to provide for them and Ruth was not afraid of work. She knew the Torah to know she was permitted to glean in the fields behind the barley harvesters. YHWH had commanded that landowners leave anything harvesters didn't pick up so the poor, the widowed, the foreigners, and the fatherless had a supply of food (Lev. 19:9 - 10). Ruth just so happened to glean in a field owned by a man named Boaz, a relative of Naomi's dead husband.

When Boaz came out to see how the harvesters fared, he noticed Ruth and asked about her. Learning that she was a hard worker, he took her aside and told her to glean alongside his servant girls. There, she would be safe from possible molesters among the harvesters. And Boaz gave Ruth freedom to drink from his water jars as she worked.

This was extraordinary treatment! Ruth was stunned and asked why the man gave with such kindness. Boaz responded that he had heard of Ruth's devotion to Naomi, how she left her homeland to be a companion to her widowed mother-in-law. He admired her newfound faith in the God of Israel. Boaz blessed Ruth, Ruth 2:12 *YHWH repay your work, and your reward is complete from YHWH Elohim of Israel, under whose wings you have come to seek refuge.*

He then went on to feed her from his own table and to make sure his harvesters left behind choice grain for her to pick up.

Naomi suggested that Ruth act on the instructions of the Torah, which allowed the young woman to call upon her nearest male relative to serve as her kinsman-redeemer. A kinsman-redeemer would buy back Ruth and Naomi's dead husband's land as well as become Ruth's new husband.

As instructed, Ruth went one evening to the threshing floor where Boaz and his men were working. When Boaz lay down that night, Ruth uncovered his feet and lay down near him. In the middle of the night he awoke, saw her, and asked who she was. Ruth 3:9-10, *And he said, 'Who are you?' and she answered, 'I am Ruth, your female servant. Now you shall spread your covering over your female servant – for you are a redeemer.'*¹⁰ *And he said, "Blessed are you of YHWH, my daughter! For you have shown more kindness at the end than at the beginning, not to go after young men, whether poor or rich. 11 And now, my daughter, do not fear. All that you say I will do for you, for all the people of my town know that you are a capable woman.* He promised to act on her request.

One rule stood in the way: Ruth had one nearer male relative who had first rights to buy the land

that belonged to her as part of the family of Elimelech, Naomi's husband. Boaz, a fair man, said he would give this man his opportunity to buy the land and marry Ruth.

The man was interested in the land but not Ruth, so he opted out of both. Boaz and Ruth were married, and they later produced the grandfather of David who was the forbearer of Yahshua.

This is a love story with eternal impact which reveals why the book of Ruth was read each year to the children of Israel during the feasts of Israel. It reminded them that their Lord was their Boaz: their pillar of strength, their trustworthy, forever Bridegroom. Isaiah 54:4, *For your Maker is your husband, YHWH of Hosts is His name and the Set-apart One of Israel is your Redeemer.*

Let's look now at what this story tells us today about husbands and the qualities they should possess.

In the third chapter of this love story, Ruth approached Boaz with the request that he become her kinsman-redeemer. This was not the bold move of an impatient single woman. This was a request guided by Naomi, who understood the legal obligations of family based on Deuteronomy 25:5 - 10.

Boaz was surprised and pleased by Ruth's request. His godly character and respect show in his reply to her request: Ruth 3:10 - 11, *Blessed are you of YHWH...All that you say I do for you.* This exchange tells us that if a man won't speak and act respectfully toward a woman, he is not a Boaz.

Boaz obeyed the law YHWH gave in Deuteronomy. He didn't grab what wasn't his; he wasn't sneaky. Instead, he openly respected the law and his relative. And he won the bride!

Boaz as the kinsman-redeemer was not only willing to buy the land that had belonged to Ruth's dead husband, but he was also willing to honor the name of the dead husband when he married Ruth. The cost, financially and emotionally, did not cause Boaz to hesitate. Ruth 4 reveals that another relative was a close kinsman. But this relative was not willing to accept the obligations that came with marrying Ruth. Therefore, Boaz was granted the privilege of being Ruth's kinsman-redeemer.

Remember, Ruth was a Moabitess, a member of Israel's enemy tribe. Boaz enthusiastically married a woman from a different world and a different culture who had financial and emotional needs.

Of course, all women bring needs into a marriage. When it comes to God's best for a woman, it involves so much more than just a great guy. The

husband every wife needs is a man who can fulfill her particular needs.

Boaz was a symbol of Yahshua as our ultimate Kinsman-Redeemer, who brought us back from the enemy of our souls. Yahshua, like a Boaz, can handle the needs of our lives and He alone knows you are the best man to handle all of your wife's wounds without becoming bitter or resentful.

We see that Boaz noticed Ruth among all the harvesters and those who gleaned after the harvesters. He noticed more than her beauty. We do not know how many people that entailed, but we know she stood out. The Scripture tells us she was known for more than her looks; Ruth 3:11, *...for all the people of my town know that you are a capable woman.*

Boaz was a man of integrity. He knew the Torah and followed its instructions regarding the redemption of Ruth. He also knew that the true blessings in marriage only come through the Scripture.

Most people are aware of chapter 31 in Proverbs that describes the ideal woman. Proverbs 31:10, *Who does find a capable wife? For she is worth far more than rubies.* This one chapter of Scripture is often quoted to describe the virtuous woman. I would suggest the preceding 30 chapters of Proverbs describe the virtuous man. We could call

the husband every wife needs a Proverbs 1 through
30 man.

Scriptures About Husbands

The following verses are taken from the King James Version of the Scripture.

Ephesians 5:33, Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

Proverbs 31:10-11, Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. 11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

Proverbs 12:4, A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband...

Proverbs 31:23, Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.

Psalms 37:23, The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.

Psalms 112:1, The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

1 Corinthians 7:3, Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence; and likewise also the wife unto the husband.

Ephesians 5:22 – 25, Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. 23 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. 24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. 25 Husbands love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it.

1 Peter 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.

In Conclusion

There is no substitute for your own personal study of any matter. The Scripture holds the answers to every question, for in it is the Wisdom of the Most High God, YHWH. *Proverbs 4:7, (KJV)* *'Wisdom is the principal thing, therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.'* Consider what you have read and continue to search the Scripture for personal guidance in all the matters of life before you.

Remember your wife is your Assignment, an Assignment that can only be accomplished by you. You have been equipped and prepared for this task, you have the provisions you need, begin with what you have.

You Are The Husband Your Wife Needs.

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