

A high-angle, sepia-toned photograph of a man and a woman walking away from the camera on a brick-paved path. They are surrounded by a large number of pigeons, some on the ground and many in flight. The scene is captured in a warm, golden light, creating long shadows and a textured, busy atmosphere.

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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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It Is A Divine Assignment

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

An Assignment is any problem you have been created to solve. (*Your husband is not the problem*) Eyeglasses solve vision problems, automobiles solve transportation problems, 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 was yet on the earth, and no plant 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, that 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 2:19-20, 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 was 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.

Proverbs 12:4, 'A capable wife is the crown of her husband.'

There is great strength 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 that. 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 and 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.

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.

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 help my father directly 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.

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 and the sin which 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 wife knows her Assignment is to be her husband's helper, his counterpart. She is the part of him that is missing.

Fully embrace your Assignment to your husband and this will bring a sense of fulfillment that cannot be found in anything else.

The wife that every husband needs is one who knows her Assignment and is committed to excellence in it.

The Seven B's

When I was not yet a teenager, I remember my father speaking with my older brother about girls. My brother had been quite distracted by the girls at school, and this prompted my father to have that special talk with him, telling him what has come to be known as the Seven B's. Although no notes were taken that day, I did remember those Seven B's. They have become etched into my mind, initially as something to laugh about and then later as guidelines to be taken seriously.

The story is simple; there are seven qualities to look for in a woman that all begin with the letter B.

After sharing this bit of wisdom with my sons, we have added many more B's that will not be addressed here. We will only look at the original seven. To quote my oldest son, "Be careful to get all seven, if you don't, the ones you let go will come back and sting you."

Listed in alphabetical order as to not imply that one is more important than any other, the Seven B's as handed down from my father are Backbone, Background, Bankroll, Beauty, Brains, Bust and Butt. Each of these gives a quick first impression

and as I explain these, you will see that they can apply to men as well as women.

1. Backbone Backbone is simply standing up for something, standing up for your husband and with your husband. *Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, "Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. 10 For if they fall, one lifts his companion up. But, woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up."*
2. Background Background does not require checking with the police in every town you have lived in since the age of 16, but by first looking at your parents. The natural order is to become like your parents, it's what DNA is all about. Mom and Dad both contributed, and whether you like it or not, you are a bit of both. Short, tall, thin, fat, attitude, gratitude, what you didn't get from DNA you get from upbringing. Not everyone can break out of a bad mold. Many people are able to hide the bad stuff inside and when not dealt with completely, it will eventually reveal itself in the form of anger or depression. It will occupy space that should be held by the Set-apart Spirit.

The story of Ruth tells of how Ruth, after becoming widowed, was committed to her mother-in-law. The life of Naomi, her mother-in-law, had affected her in a good way. This was her background. Read the four chapters of Ruth.

3. Bankroll This can be looked at in different ways. If you have money, is it enough to support him in his Assignment? If it isn't, can you earn the money needed? This is not to say that you will need a job to support your husband, but there may be times that the additional income might be necessary. My mother did not come from a wealthy family. At the time when she married my father, she worked. When they decided to have children, she stayed home to be a full-time housewife and mother. This is what my father and mother both wanted; it was natural for them. If it was contrary to my mother, if she was career driven, she would not have been content. A wife as such, may or may not be ideal for every man. It is important to know your husband's Assignment to know how to best be his wife and helper.

4. **Beauty** This should not require much explanation. It is by his own definition and not subject to peer review. If you need to know what he finds beautiful, ask him or at least pay attention to the way he reacts to you at times when you present yourself differently. Different cultures will see beauty in different ways. It's been said that beauty is only skin deep; it goes much more than that. It truly comes from within. Discover what he finds attractive and then attract him. Read the book of Esther and pay particular attention to *Esther 2:12–17*, *'Now when the turn of each young woman came to go into Sovereign Ahashwerosh after she had completed twelve months according to the regulations for the women – for the days of their preparation were completed as follows: six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with perfumes and with the preparations of women – 13 thus prepared, the young woman went to the sovereign, and whatever she asked for was given to take with her from the house of the women to the sovereign's palace. 14 In the evening she went, and in the morning she returned to the second house of the women,*

into the hand of Sha'ashgaz, the sovereign's eunuch, guardian of the concubines. She would not come in to the sovereign again unless the sovereign delighted in her and called for her by name. 15 And when the turn came for Esther, the daughter of Abihayil the uncle of Mordekai, who had come in to the sovereign, she sought no matter but what Hegai the sovereign's eunuch, guardian of the women, advised. And Esther found favour in the eyes of all who saw her. 16 And Esther was taken to Sovereign Ahashwerosh, into his royal palace, in the tenth month of Tebeth in the seventh year of his reign. 17 And the sovereign loved Esther more than all the women, and she found favour and kindness in his eyes more than all the maidens. And he sat the royal crown upon her head and made her sovereigness instead of Vashti.'

5. Brains My very intelligent sister married what would appear to be a very unintelligent man over 30 years ago, and they are still happy together. He can't maintain the household finances, but she can. In a way he is intelligent, he knows what he needs help with and is smart

enough to recognize his wife is the answer to that problem. There is no need to be something you aren't or think that you must become something that you can't. Within your Assignment is the provision and you will be able to do all that is required. *James 1:5, 'If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of Elohim, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it shall be given to him.'*

6. Bust Very often the bust seems to be the focal point of a woman's self esteem, the way she sees herself. Self esteem is an important part of a wife, if she does not see herself as valuable to her husband she won't be. She must know how much she is needed without being told. A good man will always recognize his wife as a gift from the Creator. She too, must recognize this. She is the perfect solution to his problems. In Scripture, the word for breasts is often translated as loves and is also used to refer to the nourishment of faith and love *Song of Songs 1:2, 'Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth, For your loves (breasts) are Sweeter than wine.'* 4:5 *'Your breasts are*

like two fawns, twins of a gazelle, pasturing among the lilies.

7. Butt The butt comes in many sizes and shapes; but, what is important is what the wife that every husband needs is doing with it. Is she sitting on it being unmotivated and lazy in her Assignment? Diligence is a great asset, being committed to excellence as a wife is an important part of the Assignment. Read the entire chapter of *Proverbs 31* and note verse 28, '*Her children shall rise up and call her blessed, her husband too, and he praises her.*'

While there are some things that you cannot change about yourself, like your past, you can improve your future. It is never too late, start in prayer and allow the Set-apart Spirit to lead you and guide you. The wife every husband needs will possess these seven qualities and will be a blessing to her husband in many ways. He will be her Assignment.

Three Main Ingredients

There are three main ingredients in every successful marriage. They are communication, communication and 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 him, take time to learn what is important to him and when the best time is to communicate with him about these things. Timing is a part of good communication. Esther did not make her request to the king on her first visit; she won his favour and then had his attention. Along with timing, learn the sore spots to avoid; nobody wants to be reminded of a poor choice they made in their life, and a husband certainly does not want that reminder from his wife.

An intimate communication takes time to develop. These are the ways you communicate with him that no one else knows. The wink of the eye or that special little smile that has a certain meaning only understood by you and him, holding

hands and sitting close to each other are a few ways to satisfy the need for intimate communication. Discover the ways that you can touch him and use them on a regular basis. Don't save those special touches for special days, every day should be special with your husband.

The sexual communication could take up volumes of books, but I will address it here briefly. This communication is very important to any marriage. Too many husbands live with a frustration because of the lack of communication. You must encourage him to express his desires while expressing your own. This communication is more than just sharing what you each want, it is about your desires that can only be fulfilled in each other.

The wife every husband needs is one who communicates with him, one who allows and enables him to share his every thought from what happened at work to his innermost thoughts and desires. She can create the atmosphere for this by sharing the same with him.

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 you 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, aging 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 wife who every husband needs is one who will face these seasons of life with him, a wife 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, 19* *'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 husband is not doing his. Your Assignment is to be his wife regardless of how well he is being your husband. 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 husband will only make things worse. Withdrawal can be seen as rejection. Nobody likes to be rejected, especially someone with life experiences of rejection. Closing him out is not the way to resolve any issues. *Proverbs 17:17, 'A friend loves at all times...'*

The wife that every husband needs will face these enemies with prayer and fully expect to overcome anything that comes against the marriage and her assignment

SEX

Sex, there I said it. 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.

The Scripture teaches us of blessing when we walk in obedience to the Word.

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, not just your husband.

The wife must not look at sex as a chore or an obligation to keep her husband from seeking other women. It is a blessing from the Creator and it is worth taking time to learn how to please your husband. Discover his likes and dislikes and remember he, 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 husband. 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 husband providing the next two criteria are met.
2. Known The activity must be known by your husband. Self pleasuring for example would not be appropriate if you were lying next to him in bed without him knowing it. Wake him up and tell him or show him, let him approve and be involved.
3. Approved This one gets the tough questions, What if I approve and he doesn't or he 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 you do not, would you cook it for him? Probably, yes, since it would please him. If you did not know how to cook it, would you learn how? Again, yes, since it would please him. 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 he likes. It is not necessary to be perfect at it. Your desire to please him will not go unrewarded. Do not overlook small things and be sensitive to his desires that he shares as these come from the innermost part of his being.

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

A Love Story

The story of Rebekah and Isaac is worth retelling in its entirety. It begins, *Genesis 24:1 – 67, And Abraham was old, advanced in years. And YHWH had blessed Abraham in every way. 2 And Abraham said to the oldest servant of his house, who ruled over all that he had, " please put your hand under my thigh, 3 so that I may make you swear by YHWH, the Elohim of the heavens and the Elohim of the earth, that you do not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Kena'anites, among whom I dwell, 4 but go to my land and to my relatives, and take a wife for my son Isaac" 5 And the servant said to him, " what if the woman refuses to follow me to this land? Do I take your son back to the land from which you came?" 6 And Abraham said to him, "Beware lest you take my son back there! 7 YHWH, Elohim of the heavens, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my relatives, and who spoke to me and swore to me, saying, 'To your seed I give this land,' He sends His messenger before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there. 8 "And if the woman refuses to follow you, then you shall be released from this oath; only, do not take my son back there." 9 Then the servant put his hand under the thigh of*

Abraham his master, and swore to him concerning this matter. 10 And the servant took ten of his master's camels and left, for all his master's good gifts were in his hand. And he arose and went to Aram Naharayim, to the city of Nahor. 11 And he made his camels kneel down outside the city by a fountain of water at evening time, the time when women go out to draw water. 12 And he said, "YHWH, Elohim of my master Abraham, please cause her to meet before me this day, and show kindness to my master Abraham. 13 "See, I am standing here by the fountain of water, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water. 14 "Now let it be that the young woman to whom I say, 'Please let down your jar to let me drink,' and she says, 'Drink, and let me water your camels too,' let her be the one whom You have appointed for your servant Isaac. And let me know by this that You have shown kindness to my master." 15 And it came to be, before he had ended speaking, that see, Rebekah, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milkah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, came out with her jar on her shoulder. 16 And the young woman was very good looking, a maiden, no man having known her. And she went down to the fountain, filled her jar, and came up. 17 And the servant ran to meet her and

said, "Please let me drink a little water from your jar." 18 And she said, "Drink, my master." And she hurried and let her jar down to her hand, and gave him a drink. 19 And when she had finished giving him a drink, she said, "Let me draw water for your camels too, until they have finished drinking." 20 And she hurried and emptied her jar into the trough, ran back to the fountain to draw water, and drew for all his camels. 21 And watching her, the man remained silent in order to know whether YHWH had prospered his way or not. 22 And it came to be, when the camels had finished drinking, that the man took a golden nose ring weighing half a shekel, and two bracelets for her wrists weighing ten shekels of gold, 23 and said, "whose daughter are you? Please inform me, is there room in your father's house for us to spend the night?" 24 And she said to him, "I am the daughter of Bethuel, Milkah's son, whom she bore to Nahor." 25 And she said to him, "We have both straw and fodder enough, and room to spend the night." 26 And the man bowed down his head and worshipped YHWH. 27 And he said, "Blessed be YHWH Elohim of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken His kindness and His truth toward my master. As for me, being on the way, YHWH led me to the house of my master's brothers." 28 Then the young

woman ran and informed those of her mother's house these matters. 29 And Rebekah had a brother whose name was Laban, and Laban ran out to the man, to the fountain. 30 And it came to be, when he saw the nose ring, and the bracelets on his sister's wrists, and when he heard the words of his sister Rebekah, saying, "Thus the man spoke to me," that he went to the man and saw him standing by the camels at the fountain. 31 And he said, "Come in, O blessed of YHWH! Why do you stand outside? I myself have prepared the house, and a place for the camels." 32 So the man came into the house, while he unloaded the camels and provided straw and fodder for the camels and water to wash his feet and the feet of the men who were with him, 33 and set food before him to eat. But he said, "Let me not eat until I have spoken my word." And he said, "Speak on," 34 And he said, "I am Abraham's servant, 35 "And YHWH has blessed my master exceedingly, and he has become great. And He has given him flocks and herds, and silver and gold, and male and female servants, and camels and donkeys, 36 "And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old. And he has given to him all that he has. 37 "And my master made me swear, saying, 'Do not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Kena'anaites,

in whose land I dwell, 38 but go to my father's house and to my relatives, and take a wife for my son,' 39 And I said to my master, "What if the woman does not follow me?" 40 "But he said to me, "YHWH, before whom I walk, sends His messenger with you and shall prosper your way. And you shall take a wife for my son from my relatives and from my father's house, 41 'Then, when you go to my relatives, you are to be released from this oath. And if they do not give her to you, then you are released from my oath.' 42 "And this day I came to the fountain and said, 'YHWH, Elohim of my master Abraham, please, if you are prospering the way in which I am going, 43 see, I am standing by the fountain of water, and when the maiden comes out to draw water, and I say to her, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," 44 and she says to me, "Drink, and let me draw for your camels too," let her be the woman whom YHWH has appointed for my master's son.' 45 "I had not yet ended speaking in my heart, then see, Rebekah was coming out with her jar on her shoulder. And she went down to the fountain and drew water. And I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' 46 "And she hurried and let her jar down from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and let me water your camels too.' So I drank, and she watered the camels too. 47 "And I

asked her, and said, 'Whose daughter are you?' And she said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milkah bore to him,' Then I put the nose ring on her nose and the bracelets on her wrists. 48 "And I bowed my head and worshipped YHWH, and blessed YHWH, Elohim of my master Abraham, who had led me in the true way to take the daughter of my master's brother for his son. 49 And now, if you are going to show kindness and truth to my master, let me know, and if not, let me know, so that I may turn to the right or to the left. 50 And Laban answered – Bethuel too – and said, "The matter comes from YHWH, we are not able to speak to you either evil or good, 51 "See, Rebekah is before you. Take her and go, and let her be your master's son's wife, as YHWH has spoken." 52 And it came to be, when Abraham's servant heard their words, that he bowed himself towards the earth before YHWH. 53 And the servant brought out ornaments of silver, and ornaments of gold, and garments, and gave them to Rebekah. He also gave costly gifts to her brother and to her mother. 54 And he and the men who were with him ate and drank and spent the night. When they arose in the morning he said, "Let me go to my master." 55 But her brother and her mother said, "Let the young woman stay with us a few days, at least ten, then you go." 56 And he said

to them, "Do not delay me, since YHWH has prospered my way. Let me go so that I go to my master." 57 And they said, "Let us call the young woman and ask her." 58 So they called Rebekah and said to her, "Are you going with this man?" And she said, "I shall go." 59 So they let go Rebekah their sister and her nurse, and Abraham's servant and his men. 60 And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "Let our sister become the mother of thousands of ten thousands, and let your seed possess the gates of those who hate them." 61 And Rebekah and her young women arose, and they rode on the camels and followed the man. So the servant took Rebekah and left. 62 And Isaac came from the way of Be'er Lahai Ro'i, for he dwelt in the south. 63 And Isaac went out to meditate in the field in the evening. And he lifted his eyes and looked and saw the camels coming. 64 And Rebekah lifted her eyes, and when she saw Isaac she dismounted from her camel, 65 and she had said to the servant, "Who is this man walking in the field to meet us?" And the servant said, "It is my master." So she took a veil and covered herself. 66 And the servant told Isaac all the matters he had done. 67 And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. And he took Rebekah and she became

his wife, and he loved her. Thus Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

This story tells us of a woman becoming a wife without having met her husband in person. It is a shadow picture of the Messiah and His bride yet to be married. Abraham represents YHWH sending His Set-apart Spirit to find a bride for His son, Yahshua. The Set-apart Spirit is looking for a maiden, verse 16, with the qualities of a servant that were found in Rebekah. As they journeyed back to Isaac, the servant must have told Rebekah about his master and prepared her for the marriage just as the Set-apart Spirit is preparing the believers today.

It is important to note in this story that Rebekah went to Isaac with her nurse and other attendants. They were at the wedding but they were not the bride.

Abraham's servant had a difficult task to find the right woman, a true servant, to be the bride and in Rebekah he found her, one with the Seven B's. She was beautiful, verse 16. She had brains; she went with the servant to his master's son, verse 61. She had breasts, that is love, verse 67. She had a butt that was not lazy, verse 19. She had backbone, she spoke up to say she would go, verse 58. She had a bankroll; there was straw and fodder for the

camels, verse 25. And she had the right background, the daughter of Bethuel, Milkah's son, verse 24. Perhaps the servant did not look for the Seven B's, but they were there. She was rewarded with the love of her husband, verse 67, and also was the heir to Abraham's wealth. She truly is an excellent example of the wife that every husband needs.

The Proverbial Wife

It is not possible to present any teaching about being a wife without mentioning the wife of *Proverbs 31*. Beginning in verse 10, *Who does find a capable wife? For she is worth far more than rubies. 11 The heart of her husband shall trust her, And he has no lack of gain. 12 She shall seek wool and flax, And with delight she works with her hands. 14 She shall be as the ships of Tarshish; She brings in her food from afar. 15 She also rises while it is still night, And provides food for her household, And a portion for her girls. 16 She shall consider a field and buy it; From her profits she shall plant a vine yard. 17 She shall gird herself with strength, And shall strengthen her arms. 18 She shall taste when her gain is good; Her lamp does not go out by night. 19 She shall stretch out her hands to the distaff, And her hand shall hold the spindle. 20 She shall extend her hand to the poor, And she shall reach out her hands to the needy. 21 She is not afraid of snow for her household, For all her household is dressed in scarlet. 22 She shall make tapestry for herself; She is dressed in fine linen and purple. 23 Her husband is known in the gates, When he sits among the elders of the land. 24 She*

shall make fine linen and sell them, And shall give girdles for the merchants.

This is a rare woman, one who must be found, *verse 10, Who does find a capable wife? For she is worth far more than rubies.* She must be pursued. It takes a special man to pursue this kind of woman. Not every man is qualified to pursue her. Money and possessions are not what attract her. She is already worth far more than rubies. She is more valuable to her husband than money. She provides the things her husband's money cannot.

Her husband trusts her, *verse 11, The heart of her husband shall trust her, And he has no lack of gain.* He will trust her with his secrets, his memories, his fears, his weaknesses, his money, his inner most desires. She can be trusted in every situation, even in his absence.

She will bring out the best in her husband, *verse 12; She shall do him good, and not evil, All the days of her life.* Every created thing needs to be connected. Your ears need to be connected with sound, your eyes with a view. She will be an encouragement to her husband. She will not hinder him in his Assignment. She will not embarrass him, distract him, pull him down, trouble him or become a burden to him. She will do him good.

She will understand the purpose of money, *verse 13, She shall seek wool and flax, And with delight she works with her hands.* Money is a provision for your Assignment. She will work to help her husband with his Assignment. Her work can be anything that produces for the Assignment. She enjoys work whether it is in the marketplace or the home.

She understands that things change, *verse 14, She shall be as the ships of Tarshish, she brings in her food from afar.* This verse speaks of food from afar, which refers to one of man's greatest needs, that of variety and change. She understands this need and accommodates her husband with variety in all areas of his life. She understands the need for change.

She is sensitive to the needs of others, *verse 15 She also rises while it is still night, And provides food for her household, And a portion for her girls.* She is a true servant not a spoiled woman sitting in expensive restaurants waiting to be served. She responds to others in need and manages her time well.

She understands business and financial matters, *verse 16, She shall consider a field and buy it; from her profits she shall plant a vineyard.* She

understands financial principles and money management. She will learn and understand the business of her husband. She is able to make business decisions with her husband. She is wise with money.

She guards her health, *verse 17; she shall gird herself with strength, And strengthen her arms.* She does not want to just look healthy; she wants to be healthy and is concerned for her husband's health as well. She is physically and mentally fit.

She knows who she is and understands her value, *verse 18, She shall taste when her gain is good, Her lamp does not go out by night.* She does not look for reassurance from others. She displays excellence in all that she does. She is known for quality in her work and her relationship with her husband. She organizes and manages her time well to plan and learn. She is always productive. She goes the extra mile.

She knows what it takes, *verse 19, She shall stretch out her hands to the distaff, And her hand shall hold the spindle.* She has the knowledge for the tasks at hand. She has invested time to learn and equip herself to complete her tasks. She is prepared.

She is a woman of mercy, *verse 20, She shall extend her hand to the poor, And she shall reach out her hands to the needy.* She has not separated herself from troubled people; she sees her position as that of one to help. She does not withdraw from hurting people, she knows to whom she has been sent to aid. She is willing to associate herself with those less fortunate. She wants to serve.

She prepares for change, *verse 21, She is not afraid of snow for her household, For all her household is dressed in scarlet.* She anticipates different seasons and prepares for them. She sees problems before they take root. She anticipates what the future may hold and prepares accordingly.

She presents herself well, *verse 22, She shall make tapestry for herself; She is dressed in fine linen and purple.* She is sensitive to her husband in this. She dresses to please her husband. Her dress makes her desirable to him. She makes the investment of time for this. She knows that a good appearance is something that requires work and is not always easy. She understands it is a key to satisfying and stimulating her husband. She cares about her appearance.

She knows her Assignment to her husband, *verse 23, Her husband is known in the gates, When he*

sits among the elders of the land. She knows she is his crown and he is recognized and honored through her. She focuses on his success and celebrates him among others.

She completes her work, *verse 24; She makes fine linen and sells them, And shall give girdles for the merchants.* She makes, sells and delivers; she runs the race and finishes it. It is easy for anyone to start a project, but not everyone can finish it. She is a finisher.

She is known for her attitude, *verse 25, Strength and slendour are her garments, And she rejoices in time to come.* She is seen as a happy, strong woman. She always looks ahead without focusing on difficulties of the present time. She presents a positive presence that encourages others.

She avoids foolish conversation, *verse 26, she will open her mouth with wisdom, And on her tongue is the Torah of kindness.* Her speech is decisive, persuasive and convincing. She motivates, encourages and does not gossip. Her words are kind. She speaks mercy.

She manages the affairs of her household, *verse 27, She watches over the ways of household, And does not eat the bread of idleness.* She is aware of her

surroundings and the people in her presence. She is in control of her home. She pays attention to everything and everyone in her home.

She is honored, *verse 28, Her children shall rise up and call her blessed; Her husband too, and he praises her.* She is respected and loved. Those in her home honor her and recognize all that she does. Her husband knows all that she has done for him. Her presence is enjoyed.

She has excelled, *verse 29, Many daughters have done nobly, But you have risen over them all.* She is an exceptional woman. There is no other like her. She cannot be substituted.

She knows the Most High, *verse 30, Loveliness is deceptive and prettiness is vain, A woman who fears YHWH is to be praised.* She has learned the Scripture. She hates evil, pride, arrogance and the filthy mouth. She loves Truth and she loves her husband. She fears YHWH. The Proverbial wife is the wife every husband needs.

The Irresistible Wife

You can be irresistible to your husband by meeting his five basic needs.

1. The wife every husband needs meets his need for attractiveness. She keeps herself physically fit with a proper diet and exercise, and she wears her hair, makeup and clothes in a way that her husband finds attractive and tasteful. Her husband is pleased with her appearance and proud of her in public and private.
2. The wife every husband needs meets his need for domestic support by creating a home that offers an atmosphere of peace. She manages the home and will care for the children if any. This gives him the opportunity to spend his time away from work with her in rewarding ways.
3. The wife every husband needs meets his need for respect and admiration by understanding his value and achievements more than anyone else. She reminds him of what he is capable of and helps him keep a good self esteem. She is proud of her husband and it shows through a sincere admiration.
4. The wife every husband needs meets his need for recreational companionship by growing mutual interests with her husband.

She discovers what he enjoys the most and tries to develop a proficiency in them. If she does not enjoy them, she will find other activities that she can share in. She becomes her husband's constant companion so he associates her with the past times he enjoys.

5. The wife every husband needs meets his need for sexual fulfillment by becoming an excellent sexual partner to him. She studies her own response to recognize and understand what brings out the best in her; then she communicates this to her husband. She learns what pleases him most and commits to it. Together they both continually grow to have a sexual relationship that they find satisfying and enjoyable.

Being irresistible is part of the Assignment of being a wife. When a man becomes focused on what he is missing in his marriage, those things become his obsession. When a man has an irresistible wife, she is his focus, his obsession. An irresistible wife is the wife every husband needs.

Scriptures About Wives

The following Scriptures are 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.

Psalms 128:3, Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.

Proverbs 14:1, Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.

Proverbs 19:13-14, A foolish son is the calamity of his father: and the contentions of a wife are a continual dropping. 14 House and riches are the inheritance of fathers and a prudent wife is from the LORD.

Proverbs 21:19, It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.

Proverbs 31:10-12, 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. 12 She will do

him good and not evil all the days of her life.

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

1 Corinthians 14:34-35, Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. 35 And if they will learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

Ephesians 5:22-24, 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 saviour of the body. 24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

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Colossians 3:18, Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.

1 Timothy 2:9 -14, In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided

hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; 10 But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works. 11 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. 12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. 13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve. 14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

1 Timothy 5:14, I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

Titus 2:3–5, The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; 4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

1 Peter 3:1-5, Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; 2 While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. 3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; 4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not

corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. 5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands.

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 husband 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 Wife Your Husband Needs.

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