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READ THIS FIRST

This study is for the wife alone.

Do not read this to measure your husband. Do not compare yourself to him, and do not use what you read here as a way to justify yourself based on what he does or does not do. This is about what YHWH requires of you.

If your first reaction while reading this is to think about his failures, then you have already stepped outside the purpose of this study. You are not being examined next to your husband. You are being examined before God.

This study is not a surface-level teaching or a collection of opinions about marriage. It is built on Scripture, developed through years of preparation, prayer, experience, and careful examination of the Word of God. Every part has been placed deliberately to establish a clear and accurate understanding of marriage as a covenant before YHWH.

This study is also not written to flatter you, soothe you, or excuse you. It is written to confront you with the Word of God. Marriage is not defined by feelings, culture, personality, modern opinion, or personal preference. It is defined by the standard set by YHWH. If what you believe agrees with His Word, then hold fast to it. If it does not, then let it be corrected.

Do not move through this carelessly. Do not rush. Do not guess. Do not assume. Do not continue lightly where you have not yet become honest. What is written here must be tested, examined, and understood clearly before God.

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promised that you can make a difference all by yourself by implementing godly principles.

Contrary to many popular teachings about marriage, the Bible teaches that unity in marriage is profoundly affected by the wife's actions, reactions, speech, and attitude toward her husband. That does not remove the husband's responsibility. It does mean that your obedience before YHWH matters deeply, and it matters whether your husband is doing well or doing poorly.

There are many ideas in marriage books today that claim to produce unity.

Some of them use words like love, grace, compromise, understanding, communication, and forgiveness. Some of those words are biblical. But as with many things, modern marriage teaching often mixes some truth with much error. Therefore, this study will not ask what is common, accepted, or popular. It will ask what is written.

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To truly understand your part in marriage and how to be a godly wife, you must study and learn what YHWH created women for. You must also know how, what for, and why men were created.

Contrary to popular teachings about unity in marriage, the Bible teaches that unity in marriage is greatly affected by the actions, reactions, attitudes, and spirit of a wife toward her husband. This does not mean that the husband has no responsibility. He does. But it does mean that your obedience before YHWH matters more than many women have been taught. Whether your husband is godly or ungodly, wise or foolish, easy to love or difficult to live with, you are still called to obey YHWH in your position as a wife.

There are a lot of concepts that are given in marriage books today to try and help couples achieve unity. Some of these concepts, like unconditional love and forgiveness, would even be supported by the Bible. But unfortunately, as with many other things, most teachings today on how to have unity in marriage mix some truth with plenty of biblical lies.

So, before going any further, you must first settle something in your heart. Do you desire to be a godly wife?

Both desire and godly are key words here. The desire to be godly is vital. It is something that no pastor, friend, writer, nor even a husband can impart to any woman. She must herself desire to be a godly woman. If that desire grips your heart, then believe that more than half of the battle is already won for the glory of

YHWH. If it does not, then the whole thing will stall until that ungodly defect is addressed.

By a “godly” wife, we do not mean “religious,” nor even “praying.” There are more than enough religious, praying, ungodly wives and husbands in this world than wives and husbands that are truly trying to become godly.

Godliness is a matter of having a Godward orientation, of living life with the living God of the Bible consciously in mind. It is a life gripped and motivated by genuine love for YHWH, which necessarily involves the keeping of His commandments.

1 John 5:3 (KJV) For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

It is trusting YHWH enough to believe, study, digest, treasure, and become fully obedient to His Word.

And so, I commend this list of questions to you, for your consideration. This is meant for your private use. If you find that any or all of these apply, then praise YHWH for counseling you through His Word, and do take them to heart. If they do not apply in your situation, then learn from whatever Scriptural content is there, keep it in case YHWH gives you the opportunity to offer wise counsel to another woman, and move on.

Romans 15:14 (KJV) And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.

Whether these things apply can best be determined between you, the God of the Bible, and your husband.

1. What matters most to you as a wife, to please YHWH, or to please yourself and assume that He concurs?

2 Corinthians 5:9 (KJV) Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.

This is the foundational question for your growth as a godly wife. If pleasing YHWH is not your paramount goal, then absolutely any excuse will deter you from doing His will.

Jeremiah 18:12 (KJV) And they said, There is no hope: but we will walk after our own devices, and we will every one do the imagination of his evil heart.

In that case, YHWH Himself will not persuade you by words alone to bow your knee before His Word, let alone a mere mortal. Again, in that case, you can save yourself a lot of time. Do not bother reading any of the following questions. They will only serve to provoke you to bitter anger, because some or all of them will show YHWH's will as being opposed to your will. You will be angry at YHWH, and at anyone who directed you to this study.

On the other hand, if it is your will to do YHWH's will, no obstacle will defeat your efforts. You will either cast all obstacles aside or tear them all down. In that case, you will find these questions of some use. You will learn from them all. Those which apply, you will take to heart, and be grateful for YHWH's good counsel. Those which do not immediately apply, you may use in encouraging other women to godliness.

If you find anything to be unbiblical, you must reject it. If it is biblical, you must embrace it.

1 Thessalonians 5:21 (KJV) Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

2. Have you cut the cord?

Parents can be of great help, or they can tilt one the wrong way in a weak moment, blind to our faults. Issues of marriage are often best kept between husband and wife.

Psalm 45:10 (KJV) Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house;

Matthew 19:6 (KJV) Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

A woman must understand that when she marries, she is not entering a relationship that is supposed to remain secondary to her parents, her siblings, her friends, or the house she came from. Her husband is now her covenant companion. The marriage is now the earthly relationship that takes precedence over every other earthly relationship.

This does not mean she stops loving her parents. It does not mean she becomes cold toward her family. It means that the marriage must not be invaded, controlled, or weakened by outside loyalties. Many wives damage their marriage because they still think like daughters first and wives second. They run to others with complaints, frustrations, offenses, private matters, and disappointments that should have first been faced in humility inside the covenant.

And some women do this so often that they no longer even realize they are doing it. They expose their husband's weaknesses to others. They seek emotional safety outside the marriage. They gather sympathy against their husband. They let their former household or their outside circle shape how they think about the man they are supposed to be joined to.

This is not unity. This is disloyalty dressed up as support.

So, the question is not just whether you still talk to your parents or seek advice once in a while. The question is whether you have truly left in heart, loyalty, and order, or whether part of you is still more joined to your past than to your husband.

3. Are you remembering and keeping your wedding vows, which you took before YHWH, your husband, and the assembled witnesses?

Whether the classic vows to love, respect, and obey, or a self-written vow, the vows are binding in YHWH's eyes as long as you are married. Each day of the week, each moment of the day, you are either working to fulfill those vows, or you are breaking your commitment to them. Failure to keep the vows must be remedied by repentance, not excuses.

Numbers 30:2-5 (KJV) If a man vow a vow unto the Lord, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth.

3 If a woman also vow a vow unto the Lord, and bind herself by a bond, being in her father's house in her youth;

4 And her father hear her vow, and her bond wherewith she hath bound her soul, and her father shall hold his peace at her; then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she hath bound her soul shall stand.

5 But if her father disallow her in the day that he heareth; not any of her vows, or of her bonds wherewith she hath bound her soul, shall stand: and the Lord shall forgive her, because her father disallowed her.”

Ecclesiastes 5:4-5 (KJV) When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay.

Too many women treat marriage vows like emotional words spoken in a beautiful moment. But YHWH does not treat them that lightly. You made promises before God. And whether the marriage feels warm or cold, easy or painful, satisfying or disappointing, those vows still matter.

The issue is not whether you still feel the same way you felt on the day you made them. The issue is whether you still fear God enough to honor what you spoke before Him.

4. Are you the keeper at home, or are you just winging it?

Titus 2:5 (KJV) To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

A woman's highest position and true dignity are not found in competing with men, resisting order, or despising the place YHWH gave her. Her dignity is found in faithfully walking in the role that YHWH assigned to her. The home is not beneath her. The home is one of the primary places where her godliness is proved.

If a wife is careless in the home, then disorder will spread. It will not remain in one corner. It will affect the peace of the house, the training of the children, the burden on the husband, the spirit of the marriage, and the overall climate of the family.

The woman who treats the home lightly usually does not realize how much she is weakening the structure God gave her to build. And some wives call it freedom, growth, self-discovery, or independence when in reality it is neglect.

This does not mean every woman's house will look the same in every detail. It does mean that being a keeper at home is not optional. It is part of her obedience.

5. Are you on guard against your desire to dominate your husband?

When we know we have a particular sin that easily entangles us, we stay alert against it.

Hebrews 12:1 (KJV) Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.

For instance, a man who knows he has a weakness for pornography or liquor must stay on guard against those temptations. In the same way, the Bible shows that women are tempted to dominate their husbands.

Genesis 3:16 (KJV) Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

Are you on guard, then, against temptations to overwhelm and overcome your husband, whether by your words, your emotions, your pressure, your persistence, your correction, or your refusal to let matters rest?

Or can such drives lure you easily, because you assume that anything you feel strongly must therefore be right?

Proverbs 27:15 (KJV) A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike.

Above all, YHWH requires that the wife be submissive and obedient to her husband. Are you being submissive to your husband, or do you try to control him?

Are you obedient to the order he places in the home, or do you resist him, fight him, ignore him, or work around him?

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

Titus 2:5 (KJV) 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 (KJV) 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;

The world hears the above verse and reacts with horror. But the problem is not with Scripture. The problem is with the world's hatred of God's order. In the world, submission is treated as inferiority, weakness, low self-esteem, or personal loss. But in the Word of God, submission is connected to peace, fulfillment, blessing, and order.

If you are going to be a godly wife, then you must stop learning womanhood from the world, and start learning it from YHWH.

6. Are you being your husband's helper, or his obstacle?

Genesis 2:18 (KJV) And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

What might your husband's candid answer be, were he asked whether you are his helper? And if his answer were painful, would he have a point?

To call a woman a helper is not to emphasize her weakness, but her strength. Not to label her as unnecessary, but as essential to man's condition and to YHWH's purpose in the world. Helper is a position of dignity given to the woman by YHWH Himself.

YHWH and the Holy Spirit are called helpers. So, the title itself is not degrading. The issue is whether the wife is actually functioning in that role.

Are you strengthening your husband, or draining him? Are you making obedience easier for him, or more difficult? Are you helping him move forward, or standing in his way? Are you his ally, or are you one more battle he must endure inside his own house?

That is not a small question. That is one of the central questions of this whole study.

7. Are you consistently and openly appreciative of your husband?

Even a half-decent man will often redouble his efforts when he knows his wife is cheering him on. By contrast, most men find that trying to please a woman who registers little appreciation is a rough row to hoe. A man may keep going for a while without encouragement, but that does not mean he is unaffected by the lack of it. Over time, a wife's silence, coldness, constant dissatisfaction, or refusal to acknowledge what is good in him can wear him down in ways she may not even recognize.

Scripture does not present the wife as one who merely lives beside her husband. She is meant to affect him. She is meant to influence the atmosphere around him. She is meant to bring either strength or weakness into his life. She can become refreshment to him, or she can become one more source of pressure.

Song of Solomon 5:10-16 (KJV) My beloved is white and ruddy, the chiefest among ten thousand.

11 His head is as the most fine gold, his locks are bushy, and black as a raven.

12 His eyes are as the eyes of doves by the rivers of waters, washed with milk, and fitly set.

13 His cheeks are as a bed of spices, as sweet flowers: his lips like lilies, dropping sweet smelling myrrh.

14 His hands are as gold rings set with the beryl: his belly is as bright ivory overlaid with sapphires.

15 His legs are as pillars of marble, set upon sockets of fine gold: his countenance is as Lebanon, excellent as the cedars.

16 His mouth is most sweet: yea, he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem.”

There is something very important in that passage. The woman is not merely tolerating the man. She is not speaking of him like a burden. She is not talking about him as though she is trapped with him. She speaks of him with delight. She speaks of him with honor. She speaks of him as one she values.

That matters.

Just as much as the woman needs to be loved by her husband, the husband needs to be respected by his wife.

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

A woman may think that if she cooks, works, helps, and stays, that should be enough. But if her husband is starving for respect, appreciation, and open honor, he will still feel the lack. And many wives do not realize how often their husbands live under constant correction, constant dissatisfaction, and very little encouragement.

So, ask yourself plainly: are you openly appreciative of your husband, or do you mostly notice what he is not?

Do you speak well of him?

Do you honor him in front of others?

Do you let him know when he has done well? Do you make him feel seen?

Or have you become so used to his labor, his presence, his provision, or his efforts that you now treat them as expected and barely worth mentioning?

An unappreciated husband is not helped by that atmosphere. He is worn down by it.

8. Are you more genuinely encouraging and appreciative of your husband than a temptress might be?

Proverbs reveals that men are susceptible to flattery. They want to hear that they matter, that they are doing well, that what they do is meaningful, and that who they are has value. There is never an excuse for adultery. Let that be clear. A man is responsible for his sin. But it is still foolish for a wife to ignore the reality that a husband who receives little appreciation at home can become more vulnerable to flattering attention from outside.

Proverbs 2:16 (KJV) To deliver thee from the strange woman, even from the stranger which flattereth with her words;

Proverbs 5:3 (KJV) For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil:

Proverbs 7:5 (KJV) That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger which flattereth with her words.

The point is not that a wife is responsible for her husband's sin. She is not. The point is that a wise wife will not leave obvious gaps in her marriage and then pretend those gaps do not matter. She should understand that words matter. Appreciation matters. Respect matters. Encouragement matters.

If a strange woman speaks to him with softness, admiration, and interest, while his wife mostly speaks with irritation, criticism, and complaint, do not act as though that contrast is meaningless.

Again, that does not excuse him. But it does reveal that the wife may not be guarding her part the way she should.

A godly wife should want her husband to know that no flattering stranger sees him more clearly, values him more sincerely, or honors him more rightly than the woman who vowed herself to him before YHWH.

So, ask yourself: does your husband hear more encouragement from you than he would from a temptress?

Or has the world learned how to speak to men in ways that many wives have forgotten?

9. Are you helping your husband to attempt more and greater God-honoring feats?

Genesis 2:18 (KJV) And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

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

As your husband considers striving for higher goals, greater responsibility, deeper obedience, or a more serious walk before God, what are you in that process?

Are you an asset or a liability?

Are you a strength or a strain?

Are you one of the reasons he has courage, or one of the reasons he hesitates?

Can he say, “The whole world may be against me, but I know I can count on YHWH and my wife to be with me all the way”? Or must he sigh and say, “This will already be difficult, and it will be more difficult because I never know whether my wife will support me or resist me”?

Or worse, must he think, “I do not even know if I can move forward, because I already know I will be opposed in my own house”?

Proverbs 12:4 (KJV) A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.

There is something deeply serious in that verse. A crown adds honor. Rottenness weakens from within. One strengthens openly. The other destroys silently. A wife can become either to her husband. She can add weight to his dignity, or she can eat away at him inwardly.

Some women think they are only reacting emotionally, only expressing concern, only speaking their mind, only being honest, only trying to protect themselves, only trying to help. But if the end result is that the husband becomes weaker, more hesitant, more discouraged, less confident, and less able to move forward in

what is right, then she is not helping him. She is pulling him backward.

A godly wife should be the kind of woman whose presence makes it easier for her husband to obey YHWH, harder for him to give up, and more natural for him to rise to the responsibilities placed on him.

10. Are you more likely to make your husband feel like a king, or to demoralize and undo him?

Proverbs 12:4 (KJV) A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.

Proverbs 19:14 (KJV) House and riches are the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent wife is from the LORD.

No other human relationship has the same power to affect a man the way his wife does. Other people may respect him, oppose him, praise him, criticize him, admire him, or reject him. But his wife has a unique power. She can either deeply strengthen his inner life, or deeply damage it. She can make him feel honored, supported, and alive, or she can make him feel small, ashamed, and drained.

The enthusiasm for living that animates a man, or the lack of it, can often reflect the impact of his wife upon him. That does not mean she controls his soul. He is still responsible before God. But it does mean that her presence matters profoundly.

When your husband comes into your presence, what does he meet?

Warmth or pressure?

Rest or tension?

Honor or criticism?

Safety or conflict?

Does your presence draw strength out of him, or does it take strength from him?

This is not about flattering his ego. It is about whether you are functioning as a crown, or functioning as rottenness.

That is a hard contrast, but Scripture itself gives it. So do not soften what God did not soften.

11. Are you helping your husband resist temptation by showing him that he can delight in your love?

Proverbs 5:19 (KJV) Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love.

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

A husband and wife are not meant to live as though sexual intimacy is a burdensome side issue. It is part of the covenant. It is part of the one-flesh union. It is part of the protection of marriage. It is part of the delight of marriage. It is part of the mutual giving that YHWH designed.

A wife should ask herself whether she is helping her husband in this area, or frustrating him in it.

Does he have reason to find delight in her love?

Does he feel desired, welcomed, and received?

Or does this area of the marriage feel difficult, one-sided, tense, neglected, or treated like an interruption?

Again, the husband is responsible for his own purity. But a wife should not pretend that neglect in this area has no effect on the relationship. It does.

It affects closeness.

It affects unity.

It affects temptation.

It affects peace.

It affects tenderness.

It affects whether the husband feels drawn toward his wife or pushed away from her.

A woman who withholds affection, neglects intimacy, or acts as though this part of marriage is inconvenient may be doing more damage than she realizes.

12. Do you support, complement, and enhance your husband in his training of the children, or do you subvert and counter him?

1 Peter 3:1 (KJV) 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;”

Proverbs 13:24 (KJV) He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.”

Proverbs 29:15 (KJV) The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.

The husband is meant to lead in the home. That includes direction, correction, and training in the raising of the children. The wife is not meant to sabotage that. She is not meant to undercut it. She is not meant to cancel his authority in front of the children, mock his decisions, soften every correction he makes, or act as though his standards are optional.

A wife may think she is protecting the children when she constantly overrules their father, but what she is often doing is teaching them rebellion. She may think she is bringing balance, but in many cases she is bringing disorder. She may think she is helping because she disagrees, but if her disagreement takes the form of opposition instead of respectful support, then she is hurting the structure of the home.

Children do not need to see a mother quietly training them to resist their father. They need to see a mother who respects order, supports righteous leadership, and helps create a stable environment where father and mother are not pulling in opposite directions.

So, ask yourself: do you help him in his leadership with the children, or do you weaken him in their eyes?

13. If your husband grows spiritually, is it in some measure because of you, or in spite of you?

Proverbs 31:26 (KJV) She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

Job 2:9-10 (KJV) Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.

10 But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

Proverbs 12:4 (KJV) A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.

Some wives help nourish the spiritual life of their husbands by their presence, their speech, their humility, their support, and their fear of God. Other wives make the spiritual life of their husbands heavier, harder, and more discouraged by their spirit, their complaints, their resistance, their impatience, or their unbelief.

Which are you?

When your husband seeks to obey YHWH more seriously, do you help him or hinder him?

When he is burdened, do you strengthen him or become one more burden?

When he wants to move forward in truth, do you support that movement or resist it because it costs you something?

A woman can either become a help to spiritual growth, or become a discouragement against it.

14. Does your use of your tongue draw your husband closer to you under YHWH, or repel him?

Proverbs 19:13 (KJV) A foolish son is the calamity of his father: and the contentions of a wife are a continual dropping.

Proverbs 27:15 (KJV) A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike.

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

The tongue of a wife can build or destroy in ways that are far deeper than many women admit. She can use her tongue to attract, or to repel. She can use it to soften a man, or harden him. She can use it to draw him near, or drive him away.

Do you use your tongue to build your husband up, or to tear him down? To honor him, or to shame him?

To encourage him, or to demoralize him?

To make your home a place of peace, or a place of tension?

And if by ungodly tongue-lashings, sharp remarks, bitter patterns, constant correction, or cutting speech you have driven him away, do you accept responsibility and seek to remedy the situation, or do you simply blame him for withdrawing?

A foolish woman can destroy the atmosphere of her own house with her mouth, and then wonder why the man no longer opens his heart, no longer speaks freely, no longer rests in her presence, or no longer feels safe near her.

The wife must understand that her mouth is not a toy. It is not neutral. It is either building or tearing down.

15. How wise are you in accepting your husband's correction?

Do you welcome correction as a wise woman would?

Do you listen closely, carefully, and respectfully?

Do you thank your husband for trying to help you grow?

Or do you make correction such a miserable experience for him that only the most selfless devotion would make him keep trying?

When it comes to learning anything, especially in spiritual matters, are you receiving the teachings of your husband in a welcoming, appreciative, and willing manner, or are you avoiding, rejecting, resisting, or pretending interest while inwardly shutting down?

1 Timothy 2:11-14 (KJV) 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 Corinthians 14:35 (KJV) 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.

Does your husband feel eager to teach you, or rejected by your actions?

Does he feel that his instruction is received with humility, or resisted with pride?

A woman who cannot be corrected is not easy to build with.

A woman who cannot be taught will not grow far.

And a woman who resists her husband's efforts to help her may later complain that he does not lead, when part of the reason he no longer tries is because she made leadership miserable.

16. Do you handle disagreements in a respectful, God-honoring way?

Do you respect your husband in your heart, in how you think of him?

Or do you imagine that outward politeness can hide an inward spirit of bitterness, resentment, contempt, or belittling?

Proverbs 4:23 (KJV) Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Matthew 15:18-20 (KJV) But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.

19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

20 These are the things which defile a man.

Do you approach differences with your husband cautiously and humbly, or brashly and arrogantly?

Do you give any real place in your thinking to the possibility that you might be mistaken?

Do you magnify his strengths and godly traits, or exaggerate even tiny flaws and offenses?

Do you give him the benefit of the doubt, or do you assume the worst?

Do you declare war easily?

A contentious woman does not merely have “communication issues.” She brings a spirit into the marriage that slowly erodes peace.

17. When you conclude that your husband is mistaken, how do you handle it?

Do you focus on winning him by godly and respectful behavior, or on winning the argument by pressure, force, sharpness, and persistence?

1 Peter 3:1-2 (KJV) 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.”

Proverbs 21:9 (KJV) It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house.

Proverbs 25:15 (KJV) By long forbearing is a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaketh the bone.

A wife must learn that sharpness is not strength, and volume is not wisdom. A soft tongue is more powerful than many women believe, and far more pleasing to YHWH than combative speech. The issue is not whether you are allowed to speak. The issue is how you speak, from what spirit you speak, and whether your goal is godly influence or personal victory.

18. Do you offer your advice in a kind way, and not in a contentious way?

Proverbs 31:26 (KJV) She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

A wife is not forbidden from speaking wisdom. But the attitude and method in which she gives counsel matter greatly. Even wise words can lose their proper effect if delivered in a harsh, contentious, self-exalting, or disrespectful manner.

You are not your husband's mother.

You are not his authority.

You are not his ruler. You are his wife.

You may counsel him, but you are to do so as a wife under order, not as one striving for control.

If you speak truth in a way that tears down the relationship, then you are not speaking wisely.

19. Have you given your husband grounds so that his heart can trust in you?

Proverbs 31:11-12 (KJV) 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.

Does your husband have reason to be sure of your love, your support, your friendliness, your help, and your loyalty? Or must he always be on guard, unsure of your mood, your response, your support, or your next wave of opposition?

Can his heart trust you as one of life's blessed certainties, or must he number you among his potential dangers and threats?

That is not a light question. It is one of the heaviest questions in the whole study.

What are some practical ways a wife can mold herself to her husband?

Does a king change the shape of his head to fit his crown, or is the crown shaped to fit the head of the king?

The answer is obvious. In the same way, YHWH has made the husband the head, and the wife is to fit herself to him.

This does not mean sin. This does not mean blind obedience to evil. This does not mean erasing every individual distinction. But it does mean real adaptation, real submission, real shaping, and real willingness to conform herself to the man she married in ways that promote unity.

That may include taking interest in some of what he enjoys, supporting what matters to him, seeking to understand his passions, adjusting herself in matters of intimacy, and learning to embrace his convictions where they do not require sin.

If after many years of marriage nothing in a woman has changed, no preferences softened, no patterns adapted, no loyalties deepened, no identity reshaped by covenant life, then it is very likely that unity has not grown the way YHWH intended.

Is there a reason to get divorced?

1 Corinthians 7:39 (KJV) The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 7:10-16 (KJV) And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband: 11 But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife.

12 But to the rest speak I, not the Lord, If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away.

13 And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him.

14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.

15 But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace.

16 For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife?"

This is not an area for emotional reasoning. It must be handled with fear before God and submission to Scripture.

PART B - What a Wife's Conduct Produces in Her Husband

At this point, you must understand something that many wives either do not see or refuse to acknowledge.

Your conduct does not stay contained within yourself.

It does not remain in your thoughts, your tone, your reactions, or your habits. It produces something. It shapes something. It forms something inside your husband over time. Whether you realize it or not, the way you live toward your husband is constantly building something in him or slowly tearing something down.

Scripture does not present marriage as two separate individuals living side by side, each unaffected by the other. It presents it as a union, where actions carry weight, where patterns bear fruit, and where repeated behavior produces lasting outcomes.

So, the question is not only whether you are doing what is right in the moment.

The question is, what is your conduct producing over time?

Because whatever you consistently sow into your marriage, you will eventually see growing in it.

When a wife lives in a pattern of constant correction, criticism, or dissatisfaction, something begins to change in the husband. Not always immediately, and not always visibly at first, but steadily. Many men begin to speak less. Not because they have nothing to say, but because they have learned that what they say will be corrected, dismissed, or turned into conflict. So instead of openness, there is silence. Instead of communication, there is withdrawal. Instead of sharing, there is restraint. And a wife may look at this and think he has become distant or cold, without realizing that over time he simply learned that speaking freely leads to friction.

When a wife is sharp, easily provoked, or consistently contentious, Scripture compares this not to something explosive, but to something constant, like a continual dripping. That is important. It is not always loud. It is not always dramatic. But it is steady. And steady pressure wears a man down. Some men respond by becoming harsh, trying to force order where they feel it slipping. Others respond by becoming passive, stepping back because every attempt to lead seems to turn into resistance. Either way, something is being damaged. And many wives do not realize that what they call expressing themselves has slowly created an environment where peace struggles to exist.

When a wife publicly corrects, undermines, or dishonors her husband, the damage does not stay between the two of them. It spreads. Children see it. They learn from it. They begin to measure their father through the tone and posture of their mother. Respect begins to erode, and authority begins to weaken. A man can endure pressure from many places, but dishonor in his own house cuts in a way that most wives underestimate.

When appreciation, honor, and encouragement are withheld, the effect is not always loud, but it is real. A man may continue to work, provide, and carry responsibility, but inwardly something begins to fade. Effort without appreciation becomes weariness. Responsibility without respect becomes heaviness. Presence without honor becomes emptiness. Over time, a husband who is never strengthened at home may begin to lose the desire to rise, or may begin looking elsewhere for the encouragement he does not receive where he should.

And when a wife begins to repeatedly speak of leaving, threaten separation, or bring up divorce in moments of conflict, she is doing far more than expressing emotion. She is weakening the foundation of the marriage itself. A covenant is meant to create stability, but repeated threats introduce instability. Instead of security, there is uncertainty. Instead of rest, there is tension. A husband who hears these things over and over does not

experience the marriage as something firm. He begins to live as though it could collapse at any moment. And over time, this produces either emotional detachment, where he guards himself from being hurt, or hardness, where he withdraws tenderness because he no longer trusts the permanence of what he is in.

In the same way, when a wife compares her husband to other men, or suggests that he would be happier with someone else, she is not being honest or humble. She is introducing rejection into the marriage. Comparison cuts deeper than many realize. It tells a man that he is being measured and found lacking. It tells him that who he is, is not enough. Some men respond by shutting down, no longer trying because they believe they will never measure up. Others respond with frustration or distance. And some begin to look outside the marriage, not because they are justified, but because what should have been a place of encouragement has become a place of discouragement. A godly wife does not build her marriage by comparing her husband to what he is not. She builds it by honoring what he is and strengthening what has been given to her.

When a wife continually resists order, correction, or leadership, the husband is often forced into unhealthy responses. He either becomes passive, because leading feels pointless when it is always resisted, or he becomes overly forceful, trying to reclaim what he feels slipping away. Neither of these reflects the design of YHWH, but both can grow out of a home where order is constantly challenged instead of supported.

If a wife is inconsistent, unstable, or emotionally unpredictable, the home itself becomes uncertain. The husband does not know whether he is walking into peace or conflict, support or resistance, rest or tension. And over time, instead of being at ease in his own house, he becomes guarded. Instead of confidence, there is caution. Instead of freedom, there is hesitation. And that kind of instability weakens the bond that was meant to be a place of strength.

When affection, closeness, and intimacy are neglected, distance does not usually appear all at once. It grows slowly. Quietly. A husband who does not feel desired, received, or connected may begin to detach, not because he does not care, but because connection has become difficult. And where connection is consistently neglected, distance will often take its place.

You must understand this clearly.

These things do not happen overnight. They happen through patterns. Through repeated moments that seem small at the time, but are never undone. And after years, what was once occasional becomes normal. What was once resisted becomes expected. What was once painful becomes part of the identity of the marriage.

But do not twist this.

This is not written so that a wife can say, “Then everything is my fault.” Nor is it written so that a husband can excuse his own failure. Each person will stand before YHWH for their own obedience.

This is written so that you understand something plainly.

Your actions matter more than you think.

Your tone matters.

Your responses matter.

Your spirit matters.

Your patterns matter.

Because they are not just affecting you. They are shaping the man you live with.

And the purpose of seeing this is not condemnation, but clarity.

If you recognize these things, do not defend them. Do not justify them. Do not minimize them. Bring them before YHWH. Repent where needed. Correct what can be corrected.

Because what has been built over time can also be changed over time, if truth is received and obedience follows.

CONTINUE CAREFULLY

What you have just read is not something to receive lightly, skim past, or treat as one more opinion about marriage.

It is meant to be weighed before God.

Marriage is not built on preference, personality, tradition, emotion, or the shifting ideas of this world. It is established by YHWH, defined by His Word, and preserved only through obedience to Him. Because of that, whatever has been placed before you in this study must now be tested carefully, honestly, and without partiality.

If what you have read is true, it will stand when examined in the light of Scripture. If anything is not true, it must be corrected without hesitation. But do not rush past what has confronted you. Stop and examine yourself before God.

Ask yourself plainly:

What do I truly believe about marriage right now?
And why do I believe it?

Is it because it is written in the Word of God,
or because it is what I have seen, heard, felt, assumed, or been
taught?

These are not small questions, and they must not be answered
carelessly.

Covenant truth does not bend to culture. It does not yield to emotion. It does not reshape itself to fit convenience, disappointment, or personal desire. It stands where God placed it. weakness in your leadership, do not ignore it. You are not called to explain it away. You are called to correct it.

So, if this study has exposed resistance in you, do not ignore it. If it has uncovered error, do not defend it. If it has created discomfort, do not run from it. That discomfort may be the very place where correction needs to begin. Conviction is not the problem. It is often the doorway through which truth enters and repentance begins.

Return to the Scriptures. Search them carefully. Test every instruction. Confirm every principle.

And as you do, do not use what you have read to measure your spouse first. Let it measure you.

Do not rush to correct the other person while leaving yourself unchanged.

Respond first by correcting yourself before God.

What you do with what you have learned will determine what your marriage becomes from this point forward.

Do not leave this unchanged.

NEED HELP?

You were not meant to figure this out alone.

If you have questions, need clarification, or want to go through these studies with someone, then reach out.

We will study the Scriptures with you, step by step, so that what you learn is clear, proven, and grounded in truth.

**If what you believe is true, it will stand.
If it is not, it must fall.**

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