

3 WAYS TO LOVE YOUR HUSBAND



The wife must respect her husband

Ephesians 5:33

I am blessed by the Lord with a wife (Rita) who loves me well. She knows my need for encouragement, so when I share a big idea her response is a positive “wow” instead of a negative “how”. She helps me process my thoughts in a way that honors me, even though some of my ideas will never happen. Rita is quick to give me a hug and a kiss, she knows affection makes me feel close to her. Because she knows me well, she loves me well. Here are three ways to love your husband:

RESPECT

For many men love equals respect. In marriage this could be defined as admiration, honor or value. So, respect his leadership. You can and should help him think through decisions, but be at peace where he leads. Respect his financial support. His capacity may not be at the level of your parent’s provision, so be content. Respect his manhood. See hobbies or male friends, not as competition, but an opportunity for your husband to be a man. Maybe most importantly, respect yourself. Be your very best as a woman to inspire your man’s very best. Respect invites respect.

**“All the women will respect their husbands,
from the least to the greatest”**

Esther 1:20

TRUST

Men mess up. Your husband will be imperfect until he gets to heaven. If you hold him to a standard higher than your Savior Jesus, you are set up for disappointment. Therefore, be quick to forgive and slow to become angry. Give your husband room for failure and trust he will learn from his mistakes.

Trust your heavenly Father with His son — your husband. Ultimately, look to God to hold him accountable. As your trust in Christ increases, so will your trust in your man.

**“The people feared the Lord and put
their trust in him and in Moses his servant”**

Exodus 14:31

COMPANIONSHIP

Friendship and romance go together. Not only is passion in physical intimacy important, but so is growing old as best friends. Really listen to your husband’s heart. What brings him to life? In what ways can you enjoy life together and grow closer as friends? Perhaps you pray out loud together. You serve together. You travel together. You suffer together. You celebrate together. Discover what brings you together as companions and do it. Above all, both of you grow your companionship with Christ and you will grow the closest to each other. Love him at all times.

**“A friend loves at all times,
and a brother is born for a time of adversity”**

Proverbs 17:17

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, I wholeheartedly trust You with Your son — the man I married.

APPLICATION:

How can I best respect, trust and grow in companionship with my husband?

RELATED READINGS:

Proverbs 3:5-6, 31:23; Ecclesiastes 4:12; 1 Timothy 3:11; 1 Peter 2:6



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