

Husbanding 101

A NEW TESTAMENT JOB DESCRIPTION FOR HUSBANDS

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1 Corinthians 7:11: ...A husband must not divorce his wife. (See also Matthew 19:3-9)

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1 Peter 3:7 (ESV): Husbands ... live with your wives in an understanding way...

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1 Peter 3:7: ... And treat them with respect...

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Colossians 3:19: Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. (See also Romans 15:7)

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1 Corinthians 7:3: The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife...

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Ephesians 5:25: Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her....

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

1. Husbands, which of the six commands given to husbands in the New Testament do you find most challenging? Why? Wives, which of these six commands is your husband obeying most successfully? Give a specific example of how he is demonstrating obedience to this command.
2. Men, ask your wife to help you think of one specific thing you could do to become a better student of her. (Write it down.) Women, if your husband were to ask you that question, what would you say?
3. Husbands, how do you show your wife that you respect her as your equal? What are some ways you could better honor her? Wives, when have you felt most valued and esteemed by your husband?
4. Men, have you become more tender or more harsh toward your wife since you were first married? Why? Women, what is one way in which your husband gives you the tenderness you need?
5. Wives, what is the most self-sacrificing thing your husband has ever done for you? Husbands, what self-centered habit do you have that you could break to help your wife know you are striving to love her more than yourself?