

Sunday Morning | March 26, 2017



**1 PETER 3:7 (LB)** "You husbands must be careful of your wives, being thoughtful of their needs." **Ephesians 5:22 (Phillips)** "You wives must learn to adapt yourselves to your husbands."

### **I. OUR SPOUSE SHOULD MEET OUR NEEDS.**

1 Peter 3:7 (NLT) "Husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding."

**TRUTH:** It is the job of a spouse to study their partner and identify necessary needs.

**MARRIAGE MYTH:** "My spouse should meet all my needs."

**TRUTH:** Only God can meet all our needs (Philippians 4:19 LB).

### **II. HER NEEDS, HIS NEEDS**

**MARRIAGE STUDY CONCLUSION:** Men need respect; women need love (Ephesians 5:22, 25 Msg).

**MARRIAGE INSIGHT:** While living together in marriage is God's plan, how to do it well is not intuitive.

### **III. THE "HOW TO" OF LOVE AND RESPECT**

How to love your wife:

1. Closeness
2. Openness
3. Understanding
4. Commitment
5. Honor and cherish

How to love your husband:

1. Appreciate his desire to work and achieve.
2. Appreciate his desire to protect and provide.
3. Appreciate his desire to serve and lead.
4. Appreciate his desire to analyze and counsel.
5. Appreciate his desire for friendship.
6. Appreciate his desire for sexual intimacy.

#### **IV. "STUPID PILL" MARRIAGE**

**TRUTH:** Somebody in every marriage must be mature enough to break the crazy cycle.

**INSIGHT:** Husbands are called to unconditional love for their wives and wives are called to unconditional respect for their husbands.

**TRUTH:** The average wife has a limit and a heart with an "off" switch.