

Your husband is IMPORTANT!

Does he know it?

First Things First

The Real Priorities:

1. _____
 - “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all of these things will be added to you.” Matthew 22:37-38
 - “One of the biggest and most common mistakes a woman makes is to substitute *activity* for God for a *relationship* with Him. On the outside, she is busy running the holy hurdles, but on the inside, her relationship with Christ is at a standstill.” – from the book *Creative Counterpart*

2. _____
 - “A worthy wife is her husband’s joy and crown; the other kind corrodes his strength and tears down everything he does.” Proverbs 12:4 (TLB)
 - “Solomon said that there are only two kinds of wives, and you are either one or the other. No gray area here. You are either a joy or a destroyer.” – from *Creative Counterpart*

Watch Your Heart

1. The voice of the Lord _____ and _____ you
2. The voice of the Devil _____ and _____ you

What voice will you be listening to today?

Change Your Expectations

“Do nothing from factional motives [through contentiousness, strife, selfishness, or for unworthy ends] or prompted by conceit *and* empty arrogance. Instead, in the true spirit of humility (lowliness of mind) let each regard the others as better than *and* superior to himself [thinking more highly of one another than you do of yourselves].” Phil 2:3 (AMP)

This is NOT about changing your husband, this about _____ you!

Show Him Love, Make Him King

Question to ask yourself: Do you show your husband that of all the people here on earth you love him most? Is he sure he's first in your heart?

1. Be a _____ of your husband
 - How well do you know him? (pg 113)

2. Take an interest in your husband's _____
 - Sports
 - Movies
 - Books
 - Hobbies
 - Food

3. Find ways to _____ that are important to him
 - Packing his lunch every day
 - Folding his laundry the way he likes
 - Following through with his requests (write them down so you don't forget!)

4. Be your husband's _____
 - Do you speak well of him in front of others?
 - What do you communicate to him when he walks in the door?
 - Do you seek to encourage him on a regular basis?

5. Make _____ a PRIORITY
 - "It's good for a man to have a wife, and for a woman to have a husband. Sexual drives are strong, but marriage is strong enough to contain them and provide for a balanced and fulfilling sexual life in a world of sexual disorder. The marriage bed must be a place of mutuality—the husband seeking to satisfy his wife, the wife seeking to satisfy her husband. Marriage is not a place to "stand up for your rights." Marriage is a decision to serve the other, whether in bed or out. Abstaining from sex is permissible for a period of time if you both agree to it, and if it's for the purposes of prayer and fasting—but only for such times. Then come back together again. Satan has an ingenious way of tempting us when we least expect it." 1 Corinthians 7:3-5 (MSG)
 - Do you have any hang-ups? (inhibitions, body image)
 - Are you making excuses? (too tired, not feeling well, too busy, etc.)

“Don’t be misled: No one makes a fool of God. What a person plants, he will harvest. The person who plants selfishness, ignoring the needs of others—ignoring God!—harvests a crop of weeds. All he’ll have to show for his life is weeds! But the one who plants in response to God, letting God’s Spirit do the growth work in him, harvests a crop of real life, eternal life.” Galatians 6:7 (MSG)

Five points on sex from *Creative Counterpart*:

1. Renew your mind
2. Memorize and meditate on God’s viewpoint
3. Decide with your will to be God’s version of a creative lover
4. Do your part – your 100%
5. Give God time to work

Challenge:

Focus on one thing from today that you can start applying to your marriage right now!

Small Group Questions:

1. Can you relate to this topic right now? How?
2. What is one thing that God has put on your heart from this morning that you need to grow in?