

## What Every Husband Needs to Succeed

### Introduction:

1. **Genesis 1:27** states that God created them male and female.
  - Men and women were created to be different.
  - Did you know that even a man and woman's brain is unique? They function differently.
2. As you begin to understand that men and women were created differently, it helps you to exercise patience with one another.
3. We must learn to celebrate our differences rather than resent them. God has uniquely designed men and women to complement one another.
4. God's original plan involved mankind reproducing, multiplying, conquering, and subduing, but God knew it would take the teamwork of man and woman.  
**Genesis 1:28** (Notice the word "them.")
5. We've already examined the greatest needs of the wife, but what about the husband? What are his greatest needs? In this lesson, we will answer that question from God's Word with four key words or phrases. They represent his core needs.

### First core need – admiration.

1. Every man needs a wife who will admire him.
2. Most men want to feel that their life means something – that it counts – that it has true meaning. A man's wife can give her husband that sense that his life counts. He longs for her respect and admiration.
3. **Ephesians 5:33** reveals this need in man.
  - The word "*reverence*" means "to be in awe of." This is speaking of respect. He yearns for your respect.
4. When a wife beats her husband down and demeans him constantly, she does damage that goes beyond the surface straight to the heart. Ladies, here is a little secret you might not have known about men – we are basically a very fragile and insecure bunch.
  - Then Satan sets up some little gal at work who pours on the admiration.
5. You may be thinking, "But I have a sorry husband!" I'm not talking about false flattery or patronizing him in his bad habits or wrong actions, because that is detrimental.
6. But if you pray and tell God that you want to follow the admonition of **Ephesians 5:33**, God will show you ways that you can do this and show your husband that you genuinely admire him. Let him know it – it will mean more to him than you will ever know.

### Second core need – support.

1. I am not speaking of financial support, but personal and emotional support.
2. A virtuous woman understands her husband's need for her loyal support. **Proverbs 31:10-12** (Can you hear the support in that?)
3. He needs you to be his most loyal supporter. As you cheer him and back him, you inspire him to new heights. He has no doubt that you believe in him.
4. Listed below are those crucial areas where he needs your support.

### **Support his work**

- This is vitally important to him. If you encourage him in his work, your support will stabilize and energize him.
- If your attitude reflects that you care little about his work, you will hurt him and your marriage.

### **Support him in public**

- When a wife embarrasses or humiliates her husband in public, she is emotionally cutting his heart out. **Proverbs 12:4**
- Nothing will wound a husband more than when his wife sets him up for public humiliation. It ignites in him a deep resentment and it is difficult to forget it. (Bitterness is not right or justified though, guys. **Colossians 3:19**).
- There is definitely a place for a wife to confront her husband's wrong actions or unbiblical behavior, but that place is in **private, behind closed doors**.

### **Support him through the seasons of life**

- As men grow older they pass through various stages, each one demanding something a bit different.
- A wise wife will recognize these stages and respond to her husband's needs appropriately.

### **Third core need – companionship**

1. Many couples are married, but they are not best friends. **Song of Solomon 5:16**
2. **Ephesians 5:29** declares that a husband and wife are one flesh – two separate lives are fused together into one.
  - Marriage is when two people leave their singleness and independence and come together as one.
3. There should be a daily, intimate closeness that exists in a healthy marriage. There should be mutual interests, mutual concerns, mutual hobbies, etc. It should be two lives going in the same direction.
4. Too often couples build separate lives and have little in common. They drift apart. He continues to do the things he loves, but without her. The companionship has stopped.
5. **Ecclesiastes 4:9-11** expresses the companionship marriage was meant to give. It speaks of the wisdom and warmth of two people staying close.
6. Wives, your involvement in the things he loves is extremely important to your husband. He loves to have you with him. So often it is there when dating, but after marriage, it stops. He thinks, "Man, it sure isn't as much fun being together as when we dated."

### **Fourth core need – physical responsiveness. 1 Corinthians 7:5**

1. Few things affirm a man in his masculinity as does his wife's sexual responsiveness.
2. The Bible recognizes the need for regular, physical intimacy in marriage.
3. It is absolutely crucial to maintain that closeness and oneness.