

# Message Series: Making Marriage Work

## “What Every Wife Needs to Succeed”- Part 2

### Introduction:

1. 1 Peter 3:7 teaches husbands, “**Know** your wife!”
2. Your wife is very **different** from you as a man, and she has different needs.
3. Most men are not necessarily unwilling to meet their wife’s needs, they simply are **unaware** of what those needs actually are.
4. In this lesson we will share four important terms that can forever change your relationship with your wife. They are the keys to her happiness in marriage. They should be your core concerns as a husband.

### I. **Companionship - 1 Peter 3:7**

- A. A wife seeks to experience life with her husband in a deep, **intimate**, never-ending way.
- B. The more a man focuses on interests **outside** the home, the more his wife hungers to have him back. She wants to **talk** with him about the things going on in his life and her life.
- C. When you take time to be with your wife, you are paying her the supreme **compliment**.
- D. More than anything else, she expects to have **you** - your presence, your interest, your availability.

### II. **Security - Ephesians 5:25-29**

- A. A wife needs to know that her husband can and will **provide** for her.
- B. Just as you see to it that your **body** is cared for, you should see that she is cared for.
- C. Here are a few questions for every husband:
  1. Have you made your marriage **financially** sound?
  2. Does it offer real **security** for your wife?
  3. Can she **trust** you?

4. Are your **finances** under control?

D. Biblically, these issues are the husband's responsibility.

### III. \_\_\_\_\_ - 1 Peter 3:7; Proverbs 31:28

A. So much of what the wife does is \_\_\_\_\_ from view. Her most valuable contributions are primarily \_\_\_\_\_.

B. There is only one person who can really appreciate her unique contributions and honor her accordingly – her \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Do you make your wife feel significant? There's no way you can do this if you aren't affirming her on a \_\_\_\_\_ basis.

### IV. \_\_\_\_\_ responsiveness – Ephesians 5:29

A. A husband should express \_\_\_\_\_ to his wife.

B. God didn't call us to impress our wives with our masculinity – He called us to be emotionally \_\_\_\_\_ to her and her needs.

C. When she hurts, the husband should \_\_\_\_\_.