

Message Series: Making Marriage Work

“What Every Husband Needs to Succeed”

Introduction:

1. God’s original plan involved mankind reproducing, multiplying, conquering, and subduing, but God knew it would take the _____ of man and woman.
Genesis 1:28
2. 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 with four key words or phrases. They are the keys to his happiness in marriage.

I. _____ - Ephesians 5:33

- A. Ephesians 5:33 doesn’t say to love him (although certainly that’s important), but to “_____ him.” He longs for this.
- B. When a wife beats her husband down and demeans him, she does deep _____ that goes beyond the surface, straight to the heart.
- C. Let your husband know what you genuinely _____ about him.

II. _____ - Proverbs 31:10-12, Proverbs 12:4

- A. Listed below are three crucial areas where he needs your support:
 1. Support his _____.
 2. Support him in _____.
 - When a wife embarrasses or humiliates her husband in public, she is _____ cutting his heart out.
 - There is definitely a place for a wife to _____ her husband’s wrong actions or unbiblical behavior, but that place is in private, behind closed doors.
 3. Support him through the _____ of life.
 - As men grow older, they pass through various stages, each one demanding something a bit different.

- A _____ woman will recognize these stages and _____ to her husband's needs appropriately.

III. _____ - Ephesians 5:29,

Ecclesiastes 4:9-11

A. Ephesians 5:29 declares that a husband and wife are one flesh.

- Two separate lives are _____ together into one.
- There should be a daily, intimate _____ that exists in a healthy marriage.
- Marriage should be two lives going in the _____ direction.

B. Wives, your _____ in the things he loves is extremely important to your husband.

IV. _____ responsiveness - 1 Corinthians 7:5

- The Bible recognizes the need for _____, physical _____ in marriage. It's _____!