

Message Series: Making Marriage Work

“The Husband’s Counterpart to Submission”

Introduction:

1. We learned that while submission is not the wife’s core role in marriage, it is a godly _____ to the husband’s role as a servant/leader. It energizes him in his role.
2. Does the husband have a godly response to his wife’s role that will affirm and energize her? The Bible clearly teaches that the husband’s response should be one of _____.
 - 1 Peter 3:7
 - Proverbs 31:27-30
3. A wife needs and deserves _____, and a lot of it.
 - If not, she will likely feel the way too many women feel – that her support is either not _____ or not _____.
4. When you strive to exemplify servant/leadership, and respond to her role with praise, you’ll be surprised at how many of your marriage _____ will disappear.
5. So, how can a husband praise his wife on an everyday basis? Ephesians 5:28-30 offers two specific ways a man can honor and praise his wife in the day-to-day living of married life.
 - I. _____ **treatment – the everyday way to honor.**
 - A. Ephesians 5:28 teaches that Christ-like love means treating your wife with the _____ respect, concern, and care as you give _____.
 - B. So often a husband will order the family in terms of his priorities and preferences, but _____ his wife completely.

II. _____ comment – the everyday way to honor.

- A. Ephesians 5:29 teaches that a man gives ongoing, regular care and attention to his _____.
- B. With the same constancy and regularity, a man should express love and _____ to his wife.
- C. Husbands, your wives will thrive on praise – but not on _____.

In Conclusion:

1. Nobody can give the wife the honor and praise she deserves except the _____.
2. By our everyday words and actions, we must communicate to our wives that we _____ who they are and what they do.
3. They have perhaps the most awesome assignment under heaven – to “be there” for us and our children. They need to know we sincerely _____ that, too!