

FOR A GREAT MARRIAGE (PART IV) WIVES, UNCONDITIONALLY RESPECT YOUR HUSBAND'S NEED

BACKGROUND: "Men focus on achievement. Women focus on relationships." Parrott, Drs. Les and Leslie, Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts, p.102. (Note: The list of needs in this lesson were taken from **Love and Respect** (Workbook) by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs, pp. 130-131. *Instruction for these pages: Wives, under each of these needs of your husband briefly state how you could meet and respect his need. Husbands, give your wife helpful insights on each of her answers. Wives please note: Here, it's not about you. It's about him.*

FOR CONQUEST (HIS DESIRE TO WORK AND ACHIEVE). "Grandpa, we're men! We work and we fish!" (Quote from three year old Joshua Simpson while "helping" his Grandfather Hughes.) For men a desire to work is not an option. It is a deep seated trait. Eggerichs, p.134. "...work is not, primarily, a thing one does to live, but the thing one lives to do. It is, or should be, the full expression of the worker's faculties...the medium in which he offers himself to God." Dorothy Sayers, "Why Work?" in Creed or Chaos p. 53. (**Genesis 2:15, Ecclesiastes 3:22, John 5:17**)

Wife:

Husband:

FOR HIERARCHY (HIS DESIRE TO PROTECT AND PROVIDE). Christ gave His life for us. Husbands, like Christ are willing to do what's necessary to provide for and keep his wife safe. (**Ephesians 5:25-30, fn 5:25-30, John 17:12**)

Wife:

Husband:

FOR AUTHORITY (HIS DESIRE TO SERVE AND TO LEAD). Men, by nature, respect both their and others' roles of leadership. God gives grace to the husband to provide leadership for the marriage. (**Ephesians 5:22, 23, fn 5:22-24**)

Wife:

Husband:

FOR INSIGHT (HIS DESIRE TO ANALYZE AND COUNSEL). “The bottom line to appreciating a man’s desire to analyze and counsel is to realize he does have insight and to be aware of any self-righteousness that might undermine his insight.” Dr. Emerson Eggerichs, Love and Respect, p.378. (**Proverbs 3:7, I Peter 3:4**)

Wife:

Husband:

FOR RELATIONSHIP (HIS DESIRE FOR SHOULDER TO SHOULDER FRIENDSHIP). “Teach the young women to love their husbands.” (**Titus 2:4**) This is phileo meaning friendship love. You were a friend to him before you were married. How about now? (**Song of Solomon 5:16, fn 5:16**)

Wife:

Husband:

FOR SEXUALITY (HIS DESIRE FOR SEXUAL INTIMACY). “She wants to feel close emotionally in order to connect sexually. He wants to feel close sexually in order to connect emotionally.” Eggerichs, Love and Respect Workbook, p.170. (**I Corinthians 7:3-5, fn 7:3-5, Proverbs 5:15-19, fn 5:18-20**)

Wife:

Husband:

Pray briefly with your spouse for each other at bedtime!