

# role of the husband

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He is a \_\_\_\_\_ of his wife (Eph 5:25)

1. Some popular views

- Romantic feelings
- Physical attraction
- Sex – love equals sex
- Need fulfilling – love is meeting my needs
- Benefiting – love is because of the benefits

2. Biblical view (1 Cor 13:4-7)

- Patient – not hasty in anger or punishment, but longsuffering
- Kind – willing to help or assist; do good to someone else
- Not envious – to be zealous for something; envious of what someone is getting or not getting
- Not boastful – to brag or tout your wares
- Not arrogant – pride and puffed up; inflated view of self
- Not rude – act unbecomingly, ugly and inappropriately
- Not insisting on its own way – to seek and go after one's own selfish pursuits
- Not irritable – to be provoked or roused to anger in the mind
- Not resentful – to hold account of someone's wrong doings
- Not rejoicing at wrongdoing – not happy about wrong being done by anyone
- Rejoices with truth – happy with the truth; rejoice with the Word and truth in relationships
- Bears all things – hides and covers the faults of others
- Believes all things – believes what others say unless given proof otherwise; is not skeptical
- Hopes all things – knows and believes the promises of God; is not cynical
- Endures all things – remains under trial and suffering; perseveres

### 3. Christ's example

- Initiatory (1 John 4:19)
- Sacrificial (Eph 5:25)
- Humble (Phil 2:3-4)
- Volitional (John 15:16)
- Contra-conditional (Rom 5:8)
- Eternal and committed (Rom 8:39)
- Forgiving (Col 3:13)
- Purifying and constructive (Eph 5:26-27)
- Practical (1 John 3:18)

### 4. Practical ways for a husband to love his wife

- Telling her (verbal & non-verbal)
- Appreciating her
- Making time for her—requires scheduling
- Communicating
- Sharing (thoughts, concerns, fears, hopes, etc.)
- Providing for her (Eph 5:29; 1 Tim 5:8)
- Promoting her growth and development
- Treating her as priority—Your love for her should supersede all other loves in your life (except love for God)
- Initiating love—You don't wait, but take the lead
- As you love yourself (Eph 5:28-29)
- Includes cherishing and nourishing

## He is a \_\_\_\_\_ of his wife (1 Pet 3:7)

1. The Command—Our culture says you can't understand a woman. Yet God says not only that you can, but that you must.
  - Takes time—If God says to do it, you have the time; you must prioritize it
  - Takes effort
2. The Result—You live with your wife in an understanding way (1 Pet 3:7)
3. The Effect—Your wife's problem is your problem. If it's important to her, it must be to you as well.

## He is a \_\_\_\_\_ for his wife

1. What Godly Leadership is NOT:
  - A dictatorship (Matt 20:25) - Pagans exercise dominion and want to control.
    - He doesn't demand submission.
    - His home is not his castle.
    - He doesn't expect his wife to serve him.
    - He doesn't force his wife to accept his opinion or preference.
    - He is not mean and does not use anger to get his way.
  - Making all the decisions
    - Not enough time to make all of them
    - Not his responsibility to make them alone—He's a team leader
    - He needs her insights.
    - She will be his best counselor.
    - He will listen to his wife but check out what she says with the Word of God.
  - Following your wife (1 Cor 11:3, 7-9; Eph 5:23)

## 2. What Godly Leadership IS:

- Practically
  - Other-oriented = his concern is for her needs and desires
  - Goal-oriented = he knows where he is leading his wife and family
  - Sets an example of control—Phil 4:9; Prov 23:26
  - Solves problems biblically = solution-oriented
  - Instructs not as her father but as a team leader and discipler
  - Motivates—helps her grow in her walk with the Lord and in her God-given responsibilities
  - Coaching—encouraging her as he comes alongside of her
  - Managing—1 Tim 3:4, 5, 12—sees his wife as his fellow heir in Christ
  - Pleasantness—Eccles. 9:9—He lives joyfully with his wife, and he is fun to live with and have around