

## Grant Her Honor!

**1 Peter 3:7** - 7 You husbands likewise, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with a weaker vessel, since she is a woman; and **grant her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life**, so that your prayers may not be hindered. NAS

- A.** live with your wives in an understanding way, as with a weaker vessel, - Here is God's imperative to husbands. We must understand her. How many times do we throw our hands up in the air and say, "I can't understand women?" Brothers, God has mandated us to understand them. And then based on that knowledge He commands, "grant her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life."
- B.** Meeting a woman's emotional needs - Husbands have a divine calling to meet the needs of their wives, just like they care for their own. You wouldn't deprive yourself of food or clothing. Nor would you ignore your own spiritual and emotional needs, would you? We are therefore to meet these same needs for our wives. You wouldn't starve yourself, so why then would you starve your wife of affection?
- C.** grant her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life. - What honor Christ has granted you! That He would leave the throne in heaven to come to the earth and become such a worm as man. That He would humble Himself and become obedient to death, and pay the penalty for your sins! Can we therefore grant honor to our wives? She should be your queen, your lover, and the pursuit of your life should be her joy. She must be cherished and honored, adored and cared for. No woman will be unsatisfied with this treatment, but they will respond in loving submission.

What are a woman's emotional needs?

1. Quality time together with husband, doing whatever, or doing something fun together. The most important thing to most wives is a daily time of intimate communication with their husbands.
2. A husband who is spiritually whole, who meets her spiritual needs. One who models Christ in his behavior and leads her and her family to Christ continually.
3. A wife needs affirmation from her husband. If she is not getting from you, she will seek it elsewhere. This a great cause of adultery in American society. Woman have a need to feel appreciated and accepted as do men. A husband must verbalize his appreciation and acceptance of his wife.
4. Women need affection. It is a basic need that they receive affection from their husband. When you were courting her, you were meeting this need she had without reservation, and she loved it. Have you let the fire die? Pray to God that he will rekindle it!
5. A husband who is sincere in his love to her. Expresses genuine love from his heart.
6. When overloaded or stressed, a woman needs "space" or a brief time away to unwind.
7. A husband that will comfort her frequently, rather than lecture or criticize. She needs your shoulder not your mouth in times of failure or crisis. She needs you to understand.
8. Criticism is a real "turnoff." Don't criticize your wife and then expect her to want to get close to you. Husbands need to praise their wives! They must know that we adore them!
9. Verbally express your love to her and her kids. Saying "I love you" when you leave to the family gives them security. Don't just think they know you love them, tell them.

10. One of the most beneficial things a father can do for his children is to love his wife.

11. A husband's love should not be controlling and binding, but freeing, encouraging and uplifting.

**Eph 5:28-30** - 28 In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church- 30 for we are members of his body.

**Nurturing** - Christ nurtures us each and every day. Why, He gives us life and breathe and all things! He richly provides for us His abundance of Joy and Peace, his mercy and His love endure forever! Husbands should nurture their wives. We are their provider and should seek to meet all of their needs, spiritual, emotional, social and physical. *Are you a nurturing husband?*

How does Christ nourish His church?

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**Cherishing** - Christ treasures His church. He loves her and cares for her. *He continually seeks and pursues her joy and blessing.* This is the great focus and entire purpose of His life and ministry. In fulfilling the Father's plan, he labored and strived to redeem the church, giving His own life in sacrifice to show His love and "win her to Himself" by His great devotion to her. Husbands cannot show their wives genuine lovingkindness unless they genuinely cherish them in the hearts. Otherwise it is only duty and not motivated by true affection and desire. Husbands should mimic Christ's devotion to His bride. *Do you cherish your wife?*

How do we know that Christ treasures His church?

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Can a husband cherish his wife if he does not genuinely value her in his heart? \_\_\_  
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Do you value your wife?

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