

DO YOU LOVE MY DESIGN FOR THE FAMILY? II

Introduction:

2. The Question: How Do We Love our Spouse?

A) Be Filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18)

B) God's Instructions for the Husband

C) God's Instructions for the Wife (Ephesians 5:22-24)

> Submit to your own husband

The manner of your submission – as unto the Lord (Ephesians 5:22)

The reason for your submission – the husband is the head of the home (Ephesians 5:23)

The illustration of your submission (Ephesians 5:24)

> Live a pure life (1 Peter 3:1-5)

The responsibility of the wife isn't dependant upon the worthiness of the husband
(1 Peter 3:1-2)

The greatest gift and blessing a wife can give to her husband is to be a spiritually mature woman

> A wife shows love for her husband by honoring him (1 Peter 3:6)

The heart for such trust, submission, and honor to a husband is trust, submission, and honor for God

A wife is to respect, show awe for, her husband (Ephesians 5:33)

What motivates me to be a godly husband or a godly wife?

3. The Passion of our Love – what motivate me to love my spouse?

A) I love God and His Word and I want to please Him

> Through obedience

> By enjoying what He wants to give to me (Song of Solomon 5:1a)

B) I love my spouse and I want to please them

> True love finds great joy and satisfaction when their lover is content, happy, blessed, etc.

C) I love my children and want to be a blessing to them

> The value of a God glorifying husband / wife relationship to my children

> The impact of the husband / wife relationship on their children

D) I want to enjoy one of God's greatest gifts to humanity

> God's plan of one man and one woman enjoying romantic love and friendship is awesome

All other attempts for romantic love are dismal failures

4. What Threatens our Love for our Spouse?

A) Worldly wisdom

> God's design for the family is clear, it is right, and it is good

> Some believe that there is a better way

* God's way is not only right it is best.

B) Selfishness

> You will never enjoy what God intended for the marriage relationship as long as you are protecting / vindicating / seeking to please self

C) Inappropriate premarital relationships

> The warning found in the Song of Solomon (Song of Solomon 2:7; 3:5; 8:4)

> If you want to give yourself the best possible shot for a great marriage

D) Inattention

> Most people don't get married with the hope that their marriage will become something so terrible that it will end in divorce

> Bad habits and laziness in the marriage relationship are just as dangerous as affairs