

Romans 8:15 – 17 ... “For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of Son-ship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. So that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

A. Failure to respect the wife hinders the prayer of the husband.

II. THE SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF HIS WIFE.

Key: If you are not a proper husband, you can’t be the spiritual leader of your family.

Key: If a man does not treat his wife kindly two things happen.

1. His prayers become ineffective.

2. His relationship with God will suffer.

CONCLUSION:

Dear Lord, help me recognize when Satan is using his tricks to affect my relationship with my spouse. Forgive me for not making my spouse a priority in my marriage and treasuring our sacred covenant together. Please bless my marriage and wrap Your arms around my spouse and I. And create in us a desire for a godly marriage.

In Jesus’ Name,
Amen.

Signed _____.

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Sermon Outline

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“The Effective Husband/Father”

I Peter 3:7

Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

INTRODUCTION;

“Fathers, the best thing you can do for your children is to love their mother.” —Anonymous

Key: The effective husband will meet the needs of his wife as set forth in I Peter 3:7.

THE INTELLECTUAL NEEDS OF HIS WIFE.

Verse 7

“Be considerate” = - “In an understanding way.”
-Greek = “with an intelligent recognition of

the nature of the marriage relation.”

A. GIVE HER Consideration.

Questions:

- What does being married mean to you?
- What qualities does she/he bring to the marriage that improves your life?

Key: the husband is to know and understand:

1. The marriage relationship.
2. His wife.
3. The Word of God.

B. GIVE HER Communication.

Illustration (Quote)

“If I devoted twelve hours a day, seven days a week to worthwhile work projects, but did not have a deep, meaningful relationship with my own wife and children, I would not consider myself successful.

Success begins in the home. I believe it takes more character, humility, courage, and strength to build that one relationship, than it takes to meet the needs of all the people around you.

-John Maxwell, Pastor/Author

A husband is not to be detached and inconsiderate observer.

III. THE PHYSICAL NEEDS OF THE WIFE.

Vs. 7 “Live with your wife means:

- To remain with
- To reside with
- To dwell together

Live with” means.

“All the aspects of a shared life and not as a mere euphemism for sexual relations.” (Heibert)

Point: To live with his wife means:

1. That he is not to be gone all the time.
2. He is not out and away from the home all of the time pursuing his own interests and hobbies.

I Timothy 5: 8 If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

IV. THE EMOTIONAL NEEDS OF HIS WIFE.

Vs. 7...”Treat her with respect as the weaker partner.”

respect means:

to honor, to value, to esteem, to prize, to count as precious.

Proverbs 31:10...”A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth **far more** than rubies.”

a. The husband is to respect his wife as the weaker partner.

b. The husband is to respect his wife as a joint heir of the gracious gift of life.

Key: In God’s eyes men and women are joint or equal heirs.

Point: Husbands are to respect their wives as being equal in life.