

## To Wives on Father's Day

This lesson is for wives. It is a reminder of what God's Word says to us about how to treat husbands, the fathers of our children.

### Respecting Your Husband – Eph. 5:33

God wants wives to respect their husbands.

<sup>33</sup>Nevertheless let each individual among you also love his own wife even as himself; and let the wife see to it that she respect her husband.

How can you practically respect your husband? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Submitting to Your Husband – 1 Pet. 3:1-6

God wants wives to submit to their husbands.

<sup>1Pe 3:1</sup>In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives, <sup>2</sup>as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior. <sup>3</sup>And let not your adornment be merely external--braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses; <sup>4</sup>but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God. <sup>5</sup>For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands. <sup>6</sup>Thus Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, and you have become her children if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear.

Submission is not for the weak. It is for the strong. Submission is choosing to subject yourself to your husband's choices instead of following your own.

Give some examples of when it is hard to submit to your husband. \_\_\_\_\_

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### Satisfying Your Husband – 1 Cor. 7:2-4

Wives should meet their husbands' sexual needs.

<sup>1Co 7:2</sup>But because of immoralities, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband. <sup>3</sup>Let the husband fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband. <sup>4</sup>The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does; and likewise also the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.

Is this difficult sometimes? \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Honoring Your Husband – Prov. 12:4, 31:23

God wants a wife's activities to bring honor to her husband.

<sup>Pr 12:4</sup>An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, But she who shames him is as rottenness in his bones.

<sup>Pr 31:23</sup>Her husband is known in the gates, When he sits among the elders of the land.

How can a wife bring shame to her husband? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Giving Your Husband Peace – Prov. 21:9, 21:19, 27:15-16

God wants us to love our wives more than we love ourselves, even to the death.

<sup>Pr 21:9</sup>It is better to live in a corner of a roof, Than in a house shared with a contentious woman.

<sup>Pr 21:19</sup>It is better to live in a desert land, Than with a contentious and vexing woman.

<sup>Pr 27:15</sup>A constant dripping on a day of steady rain And a contentious woman are alike; <sup>16</sup>He who would restrain her restrains the wind, And grasps oil with his right hand.

How can a wife be "contentious"? \_\_\_\_\_

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