Practical Ways for a Husband to Love His Wife

Various passages

Introduction

We're in a series studying about how everything you do in your marriage matters. We've discussed Eph. 5:33 already where Paul tells husbands to love their wives, but with the ladies out today for their Mother's Day breakfast, we need to get practical and personal as a group of men.

How to Love Your Wife:

Be satisfied.

Proverbs 5:15-23 - ¹⁵Drink water from your own cistern, And fresh water from your own well. ¹⁶Should your springs be dispersed abroad, Streams of water in the streets? ¹⁷Let them be yours alone, And not for strangers with you. ¹⁸Let your fountain be blessed, And rejoice in the wife of your youth. ¹⁹As a loving hind and a graceful doe, Let her breasts satisfy you at all times; Be exhilarated always with her love. ²⁰For why should you, my son, be exhilarated with an adulteress, And embrace the bosom of a foreigner? ²¹For the ways of a man are before the eyes of the LORD, And He watches all his paths. ²²His own iniquities will capture the wicked, And he will be held with the cords of his sin. ²³He will die for lack of instruction, And in the greatness of his folly he will go astray.

In what ways can a man become dissatisfied with his wife?

Can a wife tell?

How do they affect the wife?

How can a husband demonstrate satisfaction with his wife?

Be gentle.

1 Peter 3:7 - 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.

In what ways can a man be rough with his wife?

How can it affect the wife?

How can a husband demonstrate gentleness with his wife?

Be respectable.

Eph. 5:33 - ¹⁵Nevertheless 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.

In what ways can a man be hard to respect by his wife?

How do they affect the wife?

How can a husband be respectable with his wife?

Conclusion:

"If a man has enough horse sense to treat his wife like a thoroughbred, she'll never turn into an old nag."