

To Husbands on Mother's Day

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

Loving Your Wife – Eph. 5:25-28

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

Eph. 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her; ²⁶that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she should be holy and blameless. ²⁸So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself;

How can you practically love your wife? _____

Treating Your Wife Properly – 1 Pet. 3:7

Husbands should see their wives as fragile, marked "handle with care."

1 Pet. 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.

What are the dangers implied by this passage? _____

What should husbands do in response to this verse? _____

Expressing Love for Your Wife – Prov. 5:15-23

God wants our attention and faithfulness to be directed toward our wives, but there are external temptations vying for our hearts.

Prov. 5:15 Drink 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.

What are the specific directions God gives husbands in this passage?

Praising Your Wife – Prov. 31:28-31

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Prov. 31:28 Her children rise up and bless her; Her husband also, and he praises her, saying: ²⁹"Many daughters have done nobly, But you excel them all." ³⁰Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised. ³¹Give her the product of her hands, And let her works praise her in the gates.

What practical instruction for husbands / fathers can be gained from this passage? _____
