"God's Will for Husbands" 1 Peter 3:7

Ephesians 5:22,23

Wives, subject yourselves to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. "It is knowing where God wants people to be and taking the initiative to use God's methods to get them there in reliance on God's power." - John Piper "The spiritual leader's task is to move people from where they are to where God wants them to be." - Henry Blackaby

Ephesians 5:25-27

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.

I. Role of the Husband A. What It Is B. Reason for this

- 1. Being accepted for who I am
- 2. Feeling respected
- 3. Being fully understood
- 4. Being free to express who I really am
- 5. Being valued and honored
- 6. Having my flaws accepted as part of the whole package
- 7. Living in an atmosphere of open communication
- 8. knowing that my spouse is trustworthy

"A woman will feel emotionally safe with a man who is emotionally available; honest, trustworthy and authentic." I. Role of the Husband A. What It Is B. Reason for this C. How to go about this 1. Express Appreciation 2. Praise Her

Proverbs 31:10,28,29 An excellent wife, who can find her? For her worth is far above jewels. Her children rise up and bless her; Her husband also, and he praises *her, saying*: "Many daughters have done nobly, But you excel them all."

I. Role of the Husband A. What It Is **B.** Reason for this C. How to go about this **1.** Express Appreciation 2. Praise Her 3. Serve Her

Philippians 2:3,4

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility consider one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. I. Role of the Husband A. What It Is **B.** Reason for this C. How to go about this **1.** Express Appreciation 2. Praise Her 3. Serve Her 4. Make Her a Priority 5. Supporting Her in her role as Mother **D.** Why this is Important **1.** Her Position before God 2. Consequences of Failure

"You have heard it said, I'm sure, that nature abhors a vacuum. This is absolutely true when it comes to leadership. If you do not lead your family, someone else will; someone else will have to. But God has called you to lead, to lead with great joy and delight, to lead though it may be costly, and to lead with love. Lead your wife, lead your family, and do it all for the glory of God."