

SEVEN BASIC NEEDS OF A HUSBAND

Instructions: This study is for the WIFE ONLY.

The husband should study "The Seven Basic Needs Of A Wife", not this study.

Using the accompanying recording (available at our website - www.southheightsbaptist.com/CliffPalmer_index.html), follow the audio through, filling in the blanks and adding additional notes as the Lord leads you to.

I. A HUSBAND NEEDS A WIFE WHO RESPECTS HIM AS A MAN.

A MAN WANTS TO PROVE HIS MANLINESS.

HOW DOES A WIFE DESTROY HER HUSBAND'S MANLINESS?

A. _____

1. Physical
2. Spiritual
3. Mental
4. Emotional

● ***TELL YOUR HUSBAND HOW HE CAN PROTECT YOU.***

B. _____

1. _____ is killed by self-sufficiency.
2. Whoever controls the _____ controls the _____.

● ***CENTER YOUR WORK AND YOUR MINISTRY IN YOUR HOME.***

C. _____

1. Pastor and church leaders.
2. Men and women Bible teachers.
3. Relatives and friends.

● ***ASK YOUR HUSBAND YOUR SPIRITUAL QUESTIONS (1 CORINTHIANS 14:35).***

D. _____

1. A wife's spirit controls her husband's ambitions.
2. Reviewing past failure destroys a husband's self-worth.

● ***LEARN HOW TO WISELY APPEAL TO YOUR HUSBAND.***

E.

1. This is the unspoken crushing of a man's spirit.
2. A wife's godliness is a powerful guard against her husband's abuse of her (*I Peter 3:1*).

● **LEARN THE POWER OF PRAYER BASED ON SCRIPTURE (JAMES 5:16).**

F.

1. When a wife intrudes into one responsibility, her husband often surrenders *other* responsibilities as well.
2. A wife may avoid *temporary* consequences by taking matters into her own hands, but doing so will ultimately cause destruction (*Proverbs 14:1*).

● **DON'T BECOME YOUR HUSBAND'S CONSCIENCE. WISELY APPEAL WRONG DECISIONS; THEN GIVE HIM ROOM TO FAIL.**

II. A HUSBAND NEEDS A WIFE WHO ACCEPTS HIM AS A LEADER AND BELIEVES IN HIS GOD-GIVEN RESPONSIBILITIES

WHAT ARE THE BASIC NEEDS OF A LEADER?

A.

1. Husbands are commanded to govern their wives (*Genesis 3:16*).
2. Wives are commanded to submit to their husbands (*Eph. 5:22; Col. 3:18; I Peter 3:1*).
3. A Wife's submission to her husband qualifies him for church leadership (*I Timothy 3:4,5*).
4. The headship of the husband is illustrated in Christ and the church (*I Corinthians 11:3*).

● **REASSURE YOUR HUSBAND THAT YOU UNDERSTAND AND BELIEVE THAT HE IS YOUR GOD-GIVEN LEADER.**

B.

1. God works through a man's decisions - *good or bad*.
2. Bad decisions reveal his needs and allow the wife to appeal and demonstrate Godly character.
3. The more a wife trusts her husband, the more careful he will be in giving her direction.

● **WHEN YOUR HUSBAND MAKES A BAD DECISION, EXPLAIN TO HIM HOW GOD IS USING IT TO BENEFIT YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE.**

C.

1. Loyalty can only be demonstrated in adversity.
2. A husband's trust in his wife is often misinterpreted as taking her for granted.

● **NEVER ASK OTHERS FOR COUNSEL WITHOUT YOUR HUSBAND'S APPROVAL.**

D.

"Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor. In whose eyes a vile person is condemned; but he honoreth them that fear the Lord. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not. He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved" (PSALM 15).

1. When he walks uprightly (**honest sincerity**).
2. When he works righteousness (**does right**).
3. When he speaks truth in his heart (**meditation**).
4. When he refuses to gossip (**good report**).
5. When he does no evil to his neighbor (**not getting even**).
6. When he does not take up offenses (**loyalty**).
7. When he rejects those who are evil (**moral purity**).
8. When he honors godly men (**giving to, learning from**).
9. When he keeps promises (**when it costs him something**).
10. When he doesn't gain at others misfortunes (**finances**).
11. When he refuses to accept a bribe (**guarding his conscience**).

● **WRITE OUT ILLUSTRATIONS OF THESE LEADERSHIP QUALITIES IN YOUR HUSBAND.**

E.

"Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. Likewise must the deacons be grave, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre."

- I TIMOTHY 3:2-8

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| 1. Clear conscience. | 9. Hard worker. |
| 2. One Wife. | 10. Generous. |
| 3. Spiritual alertness. | 11. Patient. |
| 4. Wisdom. | 12. Peacemaker. |
| 5. Modesty. | 13. Not covetous. |
| 6. Hospitable. | 14. A good manager of his family. |
| 7. Desire to teach. | 15. A maturing Christian. |
| 8. Not deceived by wine. | 16. A good reputation. |

● **LET YOUR HUSBAND HEAR YOU PRAISE HIM TO OTHERS.**

F. _____

1. A man is a man when he fulfills his God-given responsibility.
2. Expect the birth, death, and fulfillment of visions.

● **ENCOURAGE YOUR HUSBAND TO VERBALIZE HIS DEEPEST WISHES TO YOU.**

G. _____

1. A man's goals often involve long-range achievement.
2. A wife's needs usually involve immediate projects.

● **ACCEPT DIFFICULT SITUATIONS FROM GOD WITHOUT GIVING HIM A DEADLINE TO REMOVE THEM.**

H. _____

1. Rejection of a husband's achievement is rejection of him.
2. Sharing his excitement is more important than sharing his work.

● **WHEN THERE ARE DIFFICULTIES, REVIEW THE BENEFITS WHICH HIS LEADERSHIP HAS ALREADY PROVIDED.**

I. _____

● **LOOK AT YOUR HUSBAND ADMIRINGLY WHEN HE TALKS TO OTHERS, IT INSPIRES THEIR RESPECT.**

III. A HUSBAND NEEDS A WIFE WHO WILL CONTINUE TO DEVELOP INWARD AND OUTWARD BEAUTY.

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HOW CAN YOU BECOME MORE OF THE WIFE OF YOUR HUSBAND'S DREAMS?

A. _____

(I CORINTHIANS 11:10)

1. A woman's hair "is given her for a covering" (I Corinthians 11:15).
2. A woman's hair is a basis for her spiritual protection (I Corinthians 11:10).
3. A woman's hair is a glory to her (I Corinthians 11:15).
4. A woman's hair style must reflect her husband's wishes (Ephesians 5:24).

Your Hairstyle Should Show Your -

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| a. Femininity vs. Masculinity | e. Diligence vs. Weariness | i. Patience vs. Impatience |
| b. Contentment vs. Frustration | f. Softness vs. Hardness | j. Personal organization vs. Disorganization |
| c. Neatness vs. Carelessness | g. Self-acceptance vs. Self-rejection | k. Personal discipline vs. Inconsistency |
| d. Submission vs. Pride | h. Obedience vs. Defiance | |

- **EXTRA TIME AND EFFORT = EXPRESSION OF REVERENCE.**
- **DISCOVER AND CONFORM TO YOUR HUSBAND'S REAL WISHES.**
- **ENCOURAGE HIM TO LEARN PRINCIPLES OF HAIR STYLING.**
- **EXPLAIN YOUR HAIRSTYLE TO OTHERS ON THE BASIS OF YOUR SUBMISSION TO YOUR AUTHORITY.**

B.

1. Modesty is always in style.
 2. A wife should dress to please husband.
 3. A wife's dress should draw attention to her countenance.
- **EXPLAIN TO YOUR HUSBAND HOW COLORS, LINES, PATTERNS, AND ACCESSORIES AFFECT YOUR APPEARANCE.**
 - **REMEMBER THAT WHAT YOUR HUSBAND LIKES, HE ENJOYS SEEING OFTEN.**

C.

1. Cleanliness is a part of godliness.
 2. Clean and mended clothes allow flexibility.
- **ELIMINATE UNUSED CLOTHES FROM YOUR WARDROBE.**

D.

1. A man's message is determined by what happens in his home (*I Timothy 3:4*).
 2. Convictions and character are formed in the home.
 3. A wife's spirit sets the atmosphere in the home.
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● KEEP THE HOME FREE OF CLUTTER. ● PROVIDE GOOD MUSIC THROUGHOUT THE DAY. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TRAIN THE CHILDREN TO BE NEAT AND CLEAN. ● WISELY APPEAL FOR NEEDED HOME REPAIRS. |
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E.

1. God is concerned about overeating and being over-weight (*Proverbs 23:21*).
 2. Physical or spiritual causes can produce an overweight condition.
 3. Weight control requires consistent conformity to God's principles of living.
 4. Fat cells don't go away once formed.
- **LET GOD AND YOUR HUSBAND KNOW YOU CARE ABOUT YOUR WEIGHT.**
 - **DEDICATE YOUR BODY AS A LIVING SACRIFICE TO GOD (ROMANS 12:1).**
 - **PRAY THAT GOD'S BODY WILL HONOR HIS REPUTATION.**

● **WORK ON ACHIEVABLE GOALS TOGETHER.**

● **IDENTIFY AND REMOVE HINDRANCES TO WEIGHT CONTROL.**

1. Bitterness.
2. Wrong Foods .
3. Wrong Mealtimes.
4. Medical Problems, etc.

F.

1. Meekness is yielding our "rights."
2. A quiet spirit involves conquering fear and worry.

● **SEPARATE YOUR "RIGHTS" FROM YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES.**

● **YIELD YOUR "RIGHTS" AND EXPECTATIONS TO GOD.**

● **VISUALIZE HOW GODLY CHARACTER CAN RESULT FROM DISAPPOINTMENTS.**

G.

1. Basis of poise is contentment (*I Timothy 6:6*).
2. Basis of contentment is self-acceptance (*Psalms 139:14*).

● **BE WELL-GROOMED SO YOU CAN CONCENTRATE ON OTHERS.**

3. Poise involves giving something of importance.

● **LEARN TO COMMUNICATE.**

1. Acceptance.
2. Encouragement.
3. Kindness.
4. Interest.
5. Understanding.
6. Godly Standards.

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IV. A HUSBAND NEEDS A WIFE WHO CAN LOVINGLY APPEAL TO HIM WHEN HE IS GOING BEYOND HIS LIMITATIONS AND WISELY RESPOND TO THOSE WHO QUESTION HIS IDEAS, GOALS, OR MOTIVES.

WHAT WORDS, ACTIONS, OR DECISIONS SHOULD YOU APPEAL?

A.

1. A wife must be in right standing with God (salvation, dedication - *Matthew 7:21*).
2. A wife must use the right basis for her appeal - his reputation, his goals, his authority (*Matthew 6:9-13*).
3. A wife must have the right timing (accurate facts - *James 4:3*).
4. A wife must convey the right attitudes (*Matthew 6:15*).
5. A wife must use the right wording (*John 4:24*).

- ***BE SURE YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN (ROMANS 10:9-13).***
- ***TOTALLY DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO GOD'S WILL (ROMANS 12:1,2).***
- ***DON'T CONDONE ANY SIN IN YOUR LIFE (PSALM 66:18).***
- ***BE WILLING TO SACRIFICE FOR THE REQUEST YOU MAKE.***

B.

1. A HUSBAND'S AUTHORITY IS DEFINED AND LIMITED BY GOD'S WORD.

- a. He is to exercise headship in the family (*I Corinthians 11:3*).
- b. He is to love his wife as Christ loved the church (*Ephesians 5:25*).
- c. He is to teach his children godly wisdom (*Galatians 4:2*).
- d. He is to support wife's discipline of the children (*Proverbs 6:20*).
- e. He is to honor his wife as the "*weaker vessel*" and "*heirs together*" (*I Peter 3:7*).
- f. He is to provide her with physical affection (*I Corinthians 7:5*).
- g. He is to observe times of physical "*separation*" (*Leviticus 12:2-5*).

2. A WIFE'S SPIRIT CAN OVERCOME A HUSBAND'S RESISTANCE.

- ***ASK YOUR HUSBAND TO DEFINE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES.***
- ***EXPLAIN YOUR NEEDS AND FEARS WITHOUT CONDEMNING HIM.***
- ***AFTER APPEALING, FOCUS ON THE POSITIVE BENEFITS, WHATEVER HAPPENS.***

C.

1. Attitudes must demonstrate genuine love (*I Corinthians 13:2-9*).
2. Attitudes must demonstrate loyalty (*Ruth 1:16,17*).
3. Attitudes must demonstrate a servant's heart (*Phil. 2:1-9*).

● **ASK YOUR HUSBAND TO TELL YOU WHEN YOU HAVE A RESISTANT SPIRIT.**

● **ASK FORGIVENESS WHENEVER YOU DO.**

D.

● **BUILD APPRECIATION FOR YOUR HUSBAND'S MOTIVES, EVEN IF HIS IDEAS ARE WRONG.**

● **EXPLAIN YOUR HUSBAND'S ACTIONS ON THE BASIS OF HIS CONVICTIONS.**

E.

1. Abigail's appeal to David discredited her husband (*I Samuel 25:25*).
2. Those who react to your husband will often distort and misuse your words.

● **DISPEL A BACKBITING TONGUE BY SILENCE (PROVERBS 26:20).**

F.

1. Sarah's obedient spirit (*I Peter 3:1-7*).
2. Esther's wise appeals (*Esther 5-9*).
3. Ruth's loyal spirit (*Ruth 1-4*).

V. A HUSBAND NEEDS QUALITY TIME TO BE ALONE WITH HIMSELF AND WITH THE LORD.

A.

1. Adam walked with God before his wife was created.
2. Isaac meditated in the field before his wife was provided (*Genesis 24:63*).
3. A man's success is based on his seeking after God (*II Chronicles 26:5*).

● **ADMIRE MEN WHO SEEK AFTER GOD.**

● **SHARE QUESTIONS AND DECISIONS WITH YOUR HUSBAND THAT REQUIRE HIM TO SEEK THE LORD.**

B.

1. When a man is out of fellowship with God, he is out of fellowship with his wife and children.
2. A man's love for God is reflected in his love for Scripture.

● **TELL YOUR HUSBAND HOW PLEASED YOU ARE WHEN YOU SEE HIM SPENDING TIME WITH THE LORD.**

C.

1. A *Bethel* is a private meeting place with God. (*Genesis 28:18-20; 31:13*).
2. A *Bethel* can be a little room indoors or a quiet place outdoors. (*Matthew 6:6*).

● **ENCOURAGE YOUR HUSBAND TO FIND A PRIVATE PLACE IN WHICH TO MEET GOD.**

D.

1. Times alone with God allow a husband to regain a bigger perspective.
2. Discussions with other men sharpen his thinking (*Proverbs 27:17*).

● **INCREASE YOUR PRAYERS FOR YOUR HUSBAND WHEN HE IS ALONE WITH THE LORD.**

E.

"For every man shall bear his own burden" (GALATIANS 6:5).

1. Man was made to work best under pressure (*Leadership*).
2. Lessons he learns can be shared with His wife and children (*II Corinthians 1:4-8*).
3. Heavy burdens should be shared (*Galatians 6:2*).

● **APPEAL TO HUSBAND TO SHARE BURDENS THAT AFFECT HIS SPIRIT OVER LONG PERIODS OF TIME.**

F.

VI. A HUSBAND NEEDS A WIFE WHO IS GRATEFUL FOR ALL HE HAS DONE AND IS DOING FOR HER.

WHAT ARE THE BASIC ASPECTS OF GRATEFULNESS?

A.

"My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from Him" (PSALM 62:5).

1. Human expectations destroy gratefulness.
2. Gratefulness is the basis of happiness - a happy wife is a crown to her husband. An unhappy wife is a public rebuke to him.
3. Men are attracted to grateful women (*Admiration*).
4. A husband may try to decrease his wife's expectations by giving her less.

● **EXPECT NOTHING AND BE GENUINELY GRATEFUL FOR EACH LITTLE EVIDENCE OF YOUR HUSBAND'S LOVE.**

B.

"But godliness with contentment is great gain" (I TIMOTHY 6:6).

1. Set your affections on things above (*Colossians 3:1,2*).

<i>God the Father</i>	<i>The Lord Jesus Christ</i>	<i>True Wisdom</i>
<i>All Authority</i>	<i>True Riches</i>	<i>The Word of God</i>
<i>The Souls of others</i>	<i>Heaven</i>	<i>Rejoicing Angels</i>

2. Trade temporal things to win more of Christ (*Phil. 3:7,8*).
 - a. Realize that "things" compete with Christ.
 - b. Offer to God all your things in exchange for more of Christ.
 - c. Rejoice when God takes anything you have, knowing you will get back far more in return.

C.

1. A wife's priorities are usually different from her husband's.
2. A husband's priorities usually involve **activities** and **expenditures** to build his reputation and to provide security for his family.

● **HELP YOUR HUSBAND GAIN SPIRITUAL SELF-ACCEPTANCE.**

D.

1. A wife often overlooks the mistakes and failures her husband has avoided.
2. Specific praise increases a man's self-image.

● **PRAISE YOUR HUSBAND FOR ANY ACHIEVEMENT HE ACCOMPLISHES IN AREAS WHERE YOU WANT HIM TO EXCEL.**

E.

1. God promises that all things work together for good (*Romans 8:28*).
2. Tribulation can produce the character of Christ in us (*Romans 5:3,4*).
3. For Godly character, we must love God and purpose to do His will.

● **MEMORIZE THE NINE FLAVORS OF THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT FOUND IN GALATIANS 5:22,23. VISUALIZE HOW THE STRUGGLES AND JOYS OF YOUR MARRIAGE ARE HELPING YOU ACHIEVE THESE QUALITIES.**

VII. A HUSBAND NEEDS A WIFE WHO WILL BE PRAISED BY OTHER PEOPLE FOR HER CHARACTER AND HER GOOD WORKS.

LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE. . . (Matthew 5:16).

WE ARE A UNIQUE PEOPLE. . . (I Peter 2:9).

A.

1. For knowing them and their need (*I Thessalonians 5:12,13*).
2. For her wisdom and discretion (*Titus 2:4; Proverbs 31:26*).
3. For her love for her husband and children (*Titus 2:4*).
4. For her submission and obedience to husband (*Ephesians 5:22; Colossians 3:18; I Timothy 3:4,11,12; Titus 2:5; I Peter 3:1*).
5. For her high morals (*Titus 2:5; I Timothy 2:11*).
6. For her home management (*Titus 2:5; Proverbs 31*).

B.

"Rise up and call her Blessed."

1. For her virtue (*Godly influence on others - Proverbs 31:10*).
2. For her harmony with her husband (*Proverbs 31:11,12*).
3. For her diligence, thriftiness, and wise home management (*Proverbs 31*).
4. For her alertness and skill in meeting her children's needs (*Proverbs 31*).
5. For her wisdom and kindness (*Proverbs 31:26*).

C.

1. For her prayers for them (*I Timothy 2:1-5*).
2. For her good works (*Proverbs 31:31*).

D.

1. For her generosity to the poor and needy (*Proverbs 31:20*).
2. For hospitality to visitors (*I Timothy 5:10*).
3. For relieving the afflicted (*I Timothy 5:10*).

E.

1. For submitting to her husband and thus not blaspheming God's Word (*Titus 2:5*).
2. For her practical care of the saints (*I Timothy 5:10*).
3. For her faithfulness to her marriage vows (*I Timothy 5:9*).
4. For her ability to teach younger women (*Titus 2:4*).

E. SPECIAL CAUTIONS.

1. A wife's good works should demonstrate her husband's sincere motives: giving to needs without expectation of reward (*Luke 14:12-14*).
2. A wife should not try to resolve her husband's problems with good works without his consent.