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HUSBANDS, AS GOD WANTS THEM TO BE

I. Who better could outline the duties of a husband - of anyone you know?
   A. Professional marriage counselor?
   B. Husband, in church with you, for 40 years?
   C. Godly elder for he must be married?
   D. Surely all are good, but I'll take the Holy Spirit.
      1. He gave us the Bible.
      2. Though he used inspired writers I believe the very words are His.
      3. One writer he chose was Solomon, the wisest man to ever live.
      4. Let's see the words he gave us from the Hebrew language.

II. Turning to Proverbs, Ecc. and Song of Solomon we find these words.
      1. Think of wife and children deserted.
      2. What will hold that home together?
      3. God didn't design a one parent home.
   B. He gave that husband happiness.
      Prov. 5:18 "Rejoice with the wife of thy youth..."
      1. One man wrote "It's ridiculous to put two young people in their 20's and expect them to stay together 40 years."
(God didn't write that).

2. "Rejoice" - idea of intoxicated with wife - hilarious giving, cheerful.

3. So happy you are "crazy."

Ecc. 9:9 "Live joyfully with the wife whom"

Prov. 18:22 "Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing..."

Prov. 17:22 "A merry hear doeth good like a medicine..."

Prov. 17:6 "Children's children are the crown of old men..."

Prov. 14:22 "Mercy and truth shall be..."

C. She is his special beauty.

Song of Sol. 1:15 "Behold, thou art fair..."

4:7 "Thou art all fair, my love, there is no spot in thee."

4:1- "Doves eyes within thy locks, teeth, lips, speech, temple, neck, breasts."

6:4 "Thou art beautiful, comely, eyes overcome me, fair, hair, temples, her virginity."

7:1 "Feet with shoes, thighs, further anatomy, eyes, nose, head, pleasant mouth."
D. Provides - got to eat sometime--can't droll over her forever.

Prov. 10:4-5 (READ) and Prov. 6:6-11

E. He will keep the way of the Lord and discipline his children.

GEN. 18:17-19 (READ)

III. Some specific words.

A. Hebrew for man is ish from verb to be strong - like king is tall, big man.

B. Ishah - woman, wife, soft, delicate.

1 Pet. 3:7 "Likewise ye husbands dwell with them ..."

C. Ben = Son Bat

D. Beth = daughter - from word Berah means "to build."

E. Kallah = daughter-in-law, meaning completeness.

F. Cham is husband's father (cahm)

G. Chamoth = husband's mother from word "surround."

1. See God is surrounding the family to preserve it.

2. Word akin to wall as the idea is carried out.
What Is Love?

I. Should a couple marry and not be in love?
   A. To us they should not.
   B. I suppose part of it reflects in attitude you have toward permanency in marriage.
   C. Does one fall into love or grow into it?
      1. Zing goes the strings--cardiac arrest.
      2. Icy fingers is malaria.

I John 4:16 "God is love and he that dwelleth . . .

II. Which kind of love?
   A. Eros
      1. Loving in order to get and when got it stops.
      2. Erotic - physical.
   B. Philo
      1. Intellectual
      2. Mutuality, friendship
   C. Agape
      1. The giving love

I Cor. 13:4-7

D. Dehomy's Test for Sweethearts
   1. See attached sheets.
E. Are you well matched?
1. How long have you known each other?
2. Where are you from?
3. Age?
4. Attitude toward mate's work.
   a) Note Burgess card
5. What about others's family?
7. Matched psychologically?
   Insecure? Dependent?
   Capacity to express?

III. Purpose of Engagement.
A. Period of final testing.
   1. Card on a couple's testing
B. Period of transition
C. Period of preparation
D. Not a time of pre-marital sex

Gen. 39:9
Ps. 51:4

E. Spiritual evaluation

Prov. 3:5-6
1. Harvard card
2. Some quit both churches - 50% of time
3. Six our of ten kids reject both religions
4. Some compromise and get a middle church "religion without conviction."

5. Open Bible and examine appeals of both churches to it.
MARRIAGE CEREMONY

Such a blessed estate as marriage isn't the product of man's thinking. But God, in his infinite wisdom, saw at the dawn of creation the necessity for a medium of perfect love. Solitude, loneliness, and perhaps monotany were in store for that creature formed from the dust of God's earth, having the breath of life in its nostrils, whom God named man. The Lord said "I will make him a help Meet."

To man was given superitory over every living thing. Birds,
fish, animals, creeping things, were all subject to man's superiority. A sleep fell on the nobles
of God's makings and from his flesh was woman formed. Not from the foot did Jehovah take
the neules bone, that man might have a near companion which he was privileged to tramp upon,
to subjugate continually to his will. Not from the head, did God extract the bone, that the yet-to-be-created woman might supersede that which God had called King of his earth, that she might rule over him. Instead
the Lord chose a rib—the symbol of equality. Thru the plains of pleasantness, into the hills of heartache, climbing the Mts. of misery, to descent into the valley of vivid happiness, the man and the woman might walk side by side. Love the tie that binds two hearts as one, that can stand any storm life brings, that can enjoy its apex of gladness—

together. And only in this state of marriage could such a love bloom forth completely.

Naturally, such a blissful state must be secure. God said
it must last. Not every year a new mate as birds seek, but seasons roll by and the same two are found together, each year love and appreciation abounding more abundant. Inseperable as body and soul, unto death do you part, is the Lord's plan.

Now into such a state you two have pledged yourself and expressed such a desire. Soon you will understand why the sages of old say "Marriages are made in Heaven." Soon you will understand the fullness of the poem:
As unto the bow the cord is
So unto man is woman

Though she bend him, she obeys him
Though she draw him, yet she follow

Useless, each without the other

It is my privilidge to hear

you vow one to the other a life
long love. (Join hands) __________
do you take ___________ to be
your wedded wife, to live together,
after God's commands; will you love
honor and cherish her in sickness
and in health, in prosperity and
adversity and will be true to her
alone as long as you both shall live?
do you take

to be your wedded husband,
to live together as the Lord
commands; will you love, honor,
and cherish him in sickness and
in health, in prosperity and
adversity, and will you be true
to him alone as long as you both
shall live?

(Place ring on if have one--
say words about ring)

Those whom God hath joined
together let no man put asunder.
For as much as ____________ and
______________ have consented
together in holy wedlock and have
witnessed the same before God and these present, and hereto have given and pledged their faith by joining hands, by the power invested in me as a minister of the gospel I pronounce you husband and wife. Let us pray.
12 INGREDIENTS NECESSARY FOR A LASTING HAPPY WEDDING CAKE

I. Bible often speaks of 12 with a sense of completeness, i.e.
   - Gen. 49:28  12 Tribes of Israel.
   - Matt. 10:2  The name of the 12 Apostles.
   - Rev. 21:21  12 gates & 12 pearls.
   - Rev. 21:14  12 Foundations.

II. We seek to give 12 ingredients necessary for a lasting Happy Wedding Cake. You write them down & administer in proportions best usable for you.

A. Kindness.
   1. Bible speaks of this.
      Eph. 4:32 "Be ye kind one to another, tender, forgiving"
   2. Woman can take less of the material if they have abundance of kindness granted.
      (a) Remembered anniversary c "Stay in bed, I'll give kids bkfast, sent flowers, out to dinner tonite. What present? Many daily - praises me for meals, tells me he loves me & is glad I'm his wife - devoted his life to giving me presents of kindnesses.
      (b) Wives don't discourage gifts by meager thanks or running back to exchange each.
      (c) One hubby gave pearls. "Why, John - they stand for tears?" They thus brot tears.
   3. We all try harder c a little praise.
   4. Less effort to smile than frown.
5. Show consideration: Contrast, "As long as you are under the weather, skip breakfast, I'll eat on the way to work" vs. "I have to go to work when I don't feel like it - hurry up and get breakfast."

B. Manners.
1. Let me tell you some Bible demonstrations.
Prov. 26:21 As coals are to burning coals - wood to fire so is a contentious man to kindle strife.
Prov. 27:15 "A continual dropping in a very rainy day & a contentious woman are.
1 Pet. 3:8 Be courteous.
Acts 27:3 Julius courteously treated
(From philantropos = friend of man)
Acts 28:7 Lodged us 3 days courteously
2. Do you continue the courtship courtesies?
3. Do you nag, label, criticize & contradict in public?
4. Does she struggle in with arm of groceries while you sit?
5. Can you discuss mannerisms that irritate.
   (Sniff & Snore)
6. Don't let the sun go down on your wrath.
   Eph. 4:26

C. Work.
1. It's husband's job & expectation to make the living. The wife's attitude toward it is imp.
   (a) Hours too long?
   (b) Shift not right?
   (c) Not paid enuf?
   (d) Hate this town?
2. Do we call each other at work just to worry the other about the children's accidents. Who handles emergencies at work? At home?
3. Do we offer encouragement in work?
4. Is wife mutually invited to share problems of the day until she knows she's valuable?
5. Read again some Bible words on work.
   Prov. 31:31 Let her works praise her
   Rom. 12:11 Not slothful in business

D. Children.
1. Bible speaks of the joy of children.
   Ps. 127:3-5 Fruit of womb, Heritage
   Arrows
   Train up a child
   Eph. 6:1 Children obey your
2. Perhaps for both parents the child's rearing is their major task.
3. Important that parents present a united front.
4. Don't make "Just wait until your daddy gets home" tyrant out of him - here comes the executioner!
5. Never discipline a child in anger.
6. You teach by your own example!
   (a) Cheerful.
   (b) Generous in praise.
   (c) Appreciative.
   (d) Helpful to others.
   (e) Honest.
   (f) Face problems squarely.
E. Money.

1. America's hardest lesson & one of Book's sternest warnings!
   I Tim. 3:3-8 Not greedy of f. 1.
   Acts 8:20 Thy money perish c thee
   Mk. 12:41 Behold how the people cast
   I Tim. 6:10 For the love of money

2. Do you spend intelligently w/i your budget?
   Prov. 6:6-8 "Go to the ant thou sluggard

3. Do you save something?
   Prov. 6:10-11 "A little sleep...want as armed man

4. House full of 1/2 paid things?
   (a) Summer home - sum of his at the bank & sum of mine.

5. Honest c each other on money matters?

6. Necessary wife have some money all hers to spend as she chooses.

7. Do we confide in the children?

8. Honest with debts? "Let the Dr. go - we need a new TV!"

F. In-Laws.

1. There is the leaving & cleaving.
   Gen. 2:24 "For this cause shall

2. Mutually protect from sponging relatives; or those that are over helpful or meddlesome.

3. Present a united front to world.

G. Friends.

1. Bible gives guidelines.
   Prov. 28:7 He that is a companion of riotous men shameth his father.
1 Cor. 15:33 Be not deceived, evil communications corrupt.
(From being crowded together)
2. Do you try to understand the earlier acquaintances each made.
3. Can all friends be met at your home or do you slip somewhere else to do it?

H. Hobbies.
1. Do we have one?
2. Is it understood?
3. Forrest Shmidl & Katherine Kelley.
   (a) Door knobs.
   (b) Ford wrenches.
   (c) Rose rocks.
4. Hobbies relieve tension, change pace, give you a chance to remember the other person.
5. Do you chastise, “How can you go fishing when the yard needs mowing?”

I. Recreation.
1. We need a change.
2. 10x in Book of Mark Jesus withdrew.
3. Plan some recreation.
4. Plan it together.
5. Encourage ea. other in some recreation.

J. Social Gatherings.
1. Build each other up publicly.
2. Don’t contradict.
   (b) Bot fish at 30¢ lb. - no, 35¢ - made him a liar for a nickel.
3. Husbands notice your wives at social gatherings.
4. Wives encourage husbands - "Tell them the story about ___________." Might as well, he'll tell it anyhow!

K. Sex.
1. Bible speaks of this as "know".
1 Cor. 7:5 "Defraud ye not one the other "consent - time - fast - prayer - come again.
2. Dr. O. M. Butterfield, "Sex is but one phase of married life, but unless this relationship is right, nothing else can be right."

L. Religion.
1. Are you one in the Lord?
2. Is faith, trust, prayer, and character a part of your trousseau?

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