



great marriages don't just happen

Part 2 – The Core Need of a Man is Respect 1 Peter 3:1-6

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- I. THE FOUNDATION OF A LASTING MARRIAGE IS BUILT UPON **TWO** KEY PRINCIPLES. (*Ephesians 5:22-25*)
 - A. To **submit** means to voluntarily place another person's needs and desires above your own. It means to willingly take second place.
 - B. To **love** means to voluntarily give yourself away to meet another person's needs and desires in the place of your own. It means to willingly take second place.
 - C. God used two different words that have the same foundational meaning but two words that apply that meaning differently, according to the greatest **need** of their mate.
 1. A wife has an innate need to be **loved**, to be special, to be cherished by her husband.
 2. This passage, throughout the passage, is saying that a husband has an innate need to be **respected** by his wife as the servant leader in their home.

*Ephesians 5:33 (NKJV) "Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so **love** his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she **respects** her husband."*
 3. Love is the central need of a **woman**. Respect is the central need of a **man**.
- II. GOD GIVES TO WIVES THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO INFLUENCE A POSITIVE **CHANGE** IN THEIR HUSBANDS. (*1 Peter 3:1-2*)

A. Principle #1 – Generally speaking, men are not changed through the **words** of their wives. (1 Peter 3:1)

One of the great differences between men and women is that women are far more impacted by than men.

B. Principle #2 – Men are changed by an **internal conviction** of the Holy Spirit that reaches a pressure point sufficient to motivate him.

C. Principle #3 – Women can assist the Holy Spirit’s work to change their husbands by living a **Christ** centered life, treating their husbands **respectfully**, even when they are wrong, and letting God’s Spirit do the talking.

1. The first way God is asking you to cooperate with Him is in your **lifestyle**. (1 Peter 3:3-4)

a. The word chaste means “morally **pure** in thought or conduct; decent and modest.”

b. One of the great five needs of a male is that his wife **look** the very best she can look.

c. If the only thing you have going for you is your **outward beauty**, you’re in big trouble.

d. **Good** men who will become good husbands and good fathers don’t marry **loose** women. **Good** men don’t develop a forever love for a woman who dresses and acts **loose**. A woman who **dresses** and **acts** immodestly can get a man but she can’t get a **good** man and she can’t **keep** any man long.

e. The most powerful thing you have going for you with a **good man** is to be a Godly woman.

2. The second way God is asking you to cooperate with Him is in your choice of **respectfulness** toward your husband.

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