

Communication and Roles within Marriage

Goal:

I PETER 5:6-8

6. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:
7. Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.
8. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

Communication + Expectations:

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS #3 [64-0830M]

Understand, talk to your wife. If—if one nature is to you and another nature to her, talk it with her. You—**you try to do the same thing to him, sister.** And the same way...**Understand one another** and be—be real Christian gentleman and real Christian ladies, and—and brother and sister with one another.

THE STATURE OF A PERFECT MAN [62-1014M]

Now, right now, before you're married, everything is just fine and dandy. But after you get married, then the toils and trials of life come in. **That's when you've got to be so in love that you understand one another. When you're disappointed in her, she disappointed in you, you still understand one another.**

PAINTED FACE JEZEBEL [56-1005]

Now, she's not a doormat now; she's your sweetheart. See? But you should **set down and talk to her, and reason it with her, and tell her, and read the Bible, and pray together.** These things wouldn't be in the church then, if you done that. That's right.

YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN [61-1231M]

The Lord bless you. Be born-again Christians. Be born again, then you won't have to say, "It's the hardest thing," you women, "for me to let my hair grow out." "It's the hardest thing for me to let my temper go," you man. "Boy, I just have to tell my wife. I get her, boy, and I shake her and I say, 'I know I'm a Christian, oughtn't to do this, but you shut-up and you sit down.'" Huh-uh, don't do that. See?

You'd like to see a time you could put your arm around her, and say, "**Sweetheart, that isn't becoming to a Christian.**" That's the way you want to be, isn't it? **You can be that way.**

Love + Respect:

EPHESIANS 5:21-33

21. Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.
22. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.
23. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

24. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.
25. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;
26. That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,
27. That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.
28. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.
29. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:
30. For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.
31. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.
32. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.
33. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

A THINKING MAN'S FILTER [65-0822]

Oh, for the grace of God, that He would give us understanding of such great mysteries! As Paul spoke here, further on down in Ephesians, speaking of the husband and wife, and said, *"This is a mystery,"* how the **women should be in respects to their husband**. Even the second place, I believe it is, the entire Bible, that reverence was ever spoke to. Said, "The women, seeing she reverence her husband, reverence her husband." **Then a husband ought to live such a life before his wife that his wife could reverence him as a son of God.** And if he doesn't live that kind of life, well, then, course, she wouldn't reverence him, because she knows what he's made of. But when it is a man that is reverent man, reverent and clean, with his wife and before his family, a real servant of God, **then the women, children, and all, should respect that servant of God, with reverence.**

THE MASTERPIECE [64-0705]

Notice the great masterpiece, of the family. The husband and wife cannot be truly a family unless they are one. They have to be. If they're not, they're not a good family; **wife pulling one way, and the husband another. That would make an awful family. But in agreement, with love one to the other, that's a family. And now that was God's masterpiece,** and now all the true family here portrays that. See?

COLOSSIANS 3:18-19

18. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.
19. Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.

TIME-TESTED MEMORIALS OF GOD [57-0818]

And was talking about men losing their affections for their wife, and don't love them as they did when they were sweetheart. Shame on you. You ought to do it. **She's always your sweetheart.** Absolutely. That's the part she should be. **And you should treat her like that.** Oh, **never let that little honeymoon cease,** 'cause it isn't going to, in Heaven. Going to be just perfectly one, There. That's right.

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And we should never forget to honor each other. Always be sweethearts. Never let it cease.

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Said, "My wife thinks I ought to come in every night and kiss her, and hug her, and make out just like we was fixing to get married." Said, "We married and got a bunch of kids." And said, "We, that's time..."

I said, "Whoop, wait a minute, boy. You're wrong. You're wrong. That's just the same as it was before you were married. See? You must always remember it." I said, "She's forty years old now, at the time where she really needs your attention."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS #3 [64-0830M]

Treat that little lady like she's your little sweetheart. If she's sixty years old, you be just the same. You be that gallant boyfriend; remember, you are.

BELIEVEST THOU THIS? [51-1003]

So I said, "Well now, remember, happiness does not consist of how much of the world's good you own, but how contented you are with the portion that's 'lotted to you." So that's what it be. I said, "**Now, there'll be times that you all won't see things alike. But always remember you're still in love.** When you see one set in the way and the other one don't..." I said, "**Give in. If they're wrong, it'll show. After while it'll be all right.**" I said, "There's a little bowl in a human heart that is full of golden oil called love. If it is ever broke it can be healed up, but there'll be a scar there as long as you live." I said, "Don't never have..." I said, "**Always give to each other and remember that what your vows are.**"

Suffer yourselves to be defrauded:

I CORINTHIANS 6:7

7. Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded?

Men, because she is the weaker vessel.

Women, because he is due reverence.

AN EXODUS [56-0615]

Don't turn your wife down 'cause she's got a little temper. Maybe that's your cross. God might've give it to kinda keep you lined up: same thing with you women to your husbands. **Stick together: promised God you would, so stay with it.**

Notice, **I'm a person don't believe in marriage and divorce.** You know that, so... Look, my brother. **If you went at that more prayerfully, there'd be less of it.**

SONG OF SOLOMON 8:7

7. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it: if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be contemned.

HEAR YE HIM [57-0310E]

When your little wife told you she'd be your sweetheart and wife, **she was looking for somebody to love her.** And when you promised your husband, **he was looking for somebody** when he come in tired and weary from working all day, **some little wife to put her arms around him** and kindly brush his hair back, **and tell him how much she loved him.**

That's what causes separation in families, is the neglect of love. That's what causes the separation in churches: neglect of love. We've got to have love.

IT WASN'T SO FROM THE BEGINNING [60-1127M]

Not long ago we were going together across the country, and he said to me, said, "Brother Branham, you know my wife don't believe in this," and said, "every night when I go to church and come home," said, "oh, she just starts bawling me out when I hit the door," and said, "I get her by the hand; she's little and hold her, and I try to cast that devil out as hard as I can."

Remind me of your message this morning, sir. Said, "I try to cast that devil out, and I said, 'Devil, you come out of my wife. Devil, you come out of my wife. Honey, you're possessed with the devil. Come out of there, devil.'"

"Oh," I said, "that's fine, Brother Fandler but you--you go at it the wrong way."

And he said, "Well, how do you do it?"

I said, "**When you come home, buy her a box of candy.** Give it to her when you come in at the door. Put your arms around her." I said, "**That's the way you cast out a devil.** **Love casts out fear, doesn't it? Love...**"

DESPERATIONS [63-0901E]

How can you have faith in your wife if you don't love her? That's in phileo. Now how about in agapao, to God? How can it be if you don't love God?

If you said you loved your wife, and never tell her about it, and never set down and make love to her, expressed it to her, kiss her, hug her, and tell her she's the best cook in the country, all the things that you know, and how pretty she is, and how much you love her; **if you don't do that, she'll never know it.** That's the way. **If you do love her, you express it.**

GOD PROJECTING HIS LOVE [57-0806]

Love should govern the home. Love is the greatest force that was ever put into the power of man. A--a home that's not disciplined by love is not much of a home. **If the husband and wife doesn't solemnly love each other, they cannot trust each other.**

Roles:

- **Woman's Role**

GENESIS 2:18

18. And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

HE CARETH FOR YOU [60-0301]

God gave man a wife to comfort him, to touch him. And any man knows, that's got a good wife, there's something about a good wife that can... A man be upset in his business or--or his walks of life, and can come home; no matter, there's no one, no doctor...

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And just a few little pats from the wife mean so much: **same thing, a husband to a wife.** That's the way God want it to be. And when we substitute something for that, and you'll get some other woman to try to take that place, or some other man, you see what you do.

PROVERBS 31:27-28

27. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

28. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

1 TIMOTHY 5:14

14. I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

TITUS 2:3-5

3. The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

4. That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

5. To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

WATER FROM THE ROCK [55-0224]

[NB note: Woman on interview going through menopause – 1 person told her she had 5 devils another said 7]

And I said, "**You used to be a lovely housekeeper.**"

She said, "That's right."

I said, "**Recently, your house looks like a hog pen.**"

Said, "That's right."

I said, "Your daughter's over there now, taking care of your husband."

Said, "That's right." Said, "Who told you that?"

I just kept talking 'cause it was in the vision.

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She said, "Brother Branham, are you going to pray for me and cast it away?"

I said, "Cast what away?"

She said, "The--the--the thing."

I said, "There's nothing to cast away."

She said, "Well, I never felt so good in my life." Said, "What must I do?"

I said, "**Go home. Straighten up your house, cook your husband a nice, big, apple pie, about that thick. When he comes in tonight, throw both arms around him, and kiss him, set down, and get on his lap and tell him you love him, and live like a lady ought to.**" That's exactly. That's all there is...?...

But see, all the pouring on of oil, all the stomping, kicking, all the loud hollering, wouldn't do a bit of good. **It's the truth that makes you free.** That's true. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free." That's right.

THIRSTING FOR LIFE [60-0304]

Now, if a man is sick and his wife can't work, I mean, he can't work, I don't blame; his wife got to make a living. That's right. But if she's just out working to have a little extra money, you'd better keep her away from that scallywag bunch that's she's working with out there. **Her place is home.** That's it. Here she—**she's supposed to be at home.**

And mister, you might call yourself ever so good, but if you've got **lodges and other things that calls you away from her at night, you ought to be ashamed of yourself.** God gave you a home to—for cherish and comfort and things like that, and **it's a shame to see the way man does their wives, and wives do man.** The womanhood and fatherhood of the nation is tore to pieces, divorce courts piled full.

- **Man's Role**

EPHESIANS 5:23

23. For the husband is the head of the wife, **even as Christ is the head of the church**: and he is the saviour of the body.

THE REJECTED KING [60-0610]

You know, a man's the head of the house, **as long as he takes his place**. But we--I--I don't--I like to see a man a man. A man's not judged by how many muscles he's got; that's beast. A man's not judged by the brawny muscles, but he's judged by the bags in the knees of his pants where he's been praying. That's what takes a man.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON GENESIS [53-0729]

But let me tell you something, mister. **You are going to have to answer for your wife, but your wife is never going to have to answer for you**. You are the head of the woman, and God is the head of man.

I PETER 3:7

7 Likewise, ye husbands, **dwel with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel**, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

CHURCH AGE BOOK

How beautifully the Saviour praises and commends His children. He takes full account of their fine spiritual attitudes and behavior. **He knows that there is weakness amongst them, but as yet He does not cry out against it**. Isn't that just like the Lord? **He knows how to encourage us in the right matters and discourage us in the wrong matters. We could all learn a good lesson right here in running the church and our families**. And better still, we could all learn a good lesson in that God deals with each one of us in exactly this way.

EPHESIANS 5:25

25. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, **and gave himself for it**;

PHILIPPIANS 2:5- 7

5. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6. Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7. But made himself of no reputation, **and took upon him the form of a servant**, and was made in the likeness of men: