

BIBLE ACTION TRUTHS for MARRIED LOVE and a HAPPY MARRIED LIFE¹

1. MARRIAGE IS BASED ON THE CHARACTER OF THE PARTICIPANTS – Eph. 5:14-19

- a) **A born-again Christian** – Eph. 5:14; John 3
- b) **A Spirit-filled Christian** – Eph. 5:18-19; Gal. 5:22-23

Spiritual life affects married love, and married love affects the spiritual life.
Married love is a perfect example of the believer's relationship with Christ.

2. LOVE: An unselfish or self-sacrificing desire to meet the needs of the cherished object. (It's) a mental attitude. – I Cor. 13:4-7, 11 –from childish to mature, holy love.

a) **Involves:**

1) **Understanding the partner's needs** – Prov. 17:27; 14:1

- **Women:** Communication, Security & Homemaking
- **Men:** Ego and Physical (food and love)

2) **Giving: The circle of love** – II Cor. 9:6-8; Luke 6:38

If children don't learn to love at home, they find it very hard to love people.

b) **Love is TLC:**

Spiritual

Tender telling

Mental & Emotional

Loving in little things

Physical

Care in your contact

c) **Communication** – Eph. 4:22-32

5 Rules:

- v. 25 – *Be open and honest.*
- vv. 26-27 – *Talk up instead of blow up or clam up.*
- v. 28 – *Be industrious. Take full share of responsibilities.*
- v. 29 – *Edify by what & how you speak.*
- vv. 30-32 – *Forgive with a kind, tenderhearted spirit (I Cor. 13:4)*

d) **Rejoice and give thanks in everything** – Eph. 5:19-20; I Thess. 5:18. *What for?*

(Rom. 8:28; John 10:10). Are you enjoying the abundant life? How? (Ps. 107:8)

Praise the Lord seven times a day (Ps. 119:164).

3. DUTY OF THE WIFE: Submission and Obedience—loses freedom but gains the benefits of security and protection – Eph. 5:22-24

a) **Eph. 5:22-24** – God's rank of authority.

b) **I Pet. 3:1-6** – To develop inner beauty; meek and quiet spirit.

I Tim. 2:9-10 – Modest and discreet with good works.

Titus 2:4-5 – Obey; teach to be obedient.

c) **I Cor. 14:34 & I Tim. 2:11-15** – (Women are not to preach, pastor churches, etc.)

d) **I Cor. 11:3, 7-12** – Woman was created for the man.

e) **Gen. 3:16** – Result of God's curse—"he will rule over thee."

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f) **Checklist for wives:**

- 1) *Are you submissive and obedient?*
- 2) *Do you have inner beauty?*
- 3) *Will you pray for your husband every day?*

4. **DUTY OF THE HUSBAND: Love & Leadership**—“*husbands love your wives*” – Eph. 5:25-29

- a) *As Christ loved the church.* As you love your own body.
- b) Don't be bitter against her (Col. 3:19; Prov. 18:22) cf. Eph. 4:26-27, 31 – Anger—I Cor. 14:20
- c) **Bitterness:**
 - 1) Creates negative mental attitudes resulting in bickering and belittling.
 - 2) Interrupts communication—indifference.
 - 3) Kills warm, emotional feelings—coldness.
 - d) Love & meeting the needs of his wife (affection & security). Keeps husband from being dictatorial – I Pet. 3:7
- e) **Checklist for husbands:**
 - 1) *Do you tear down instead of build up your wife?*
 - 2) *Do you disagree with your wife's discipline of children?*
 - 3) *Do you buy and use the car without her knowledge?*
 - 4) *Do you make your wife beg for money?*
 - 5) *Do you plan the family vacation yourself?*
 - f) It takes two to make a marriage and two to break a marriage.

5. **ONE FLESH**—*the physical relationship* – Eph. 5:31-32

Eph. 5:31 – “*leave father and mother*”—family interference breaks up marriage

Join or “*cleave*” – glued together (original Greek meaning). **Matt. 19:5-6; Mark 10:6-8; Gen. 2:24** – “*one*” is the same Hebrew word used in Deut. 6:4. Note the contrast in A, B, and C below: In marriage *ONLY*, the one-flesh relationship is God-ordained and honorable. God hates sex outside of marriage.

- a) **Heb. 13:4** – It's honorable, the bed is undefiled
Psalm 51:5 – This does not teach that the physical relationship as sin. Hebrew parallelism of verses 2-3, 7 i.e. the sin nature passes on at conception.
- b) **Prov. 5:15-23** – Rejoice with the wife of thy youth. Be satisfied and ravished with her love. **Prov. 18:22** – Obtains favor with the Lord.
- c) **Regarding frequency** – **I Cor. 7:1-5**
 - 1) To avoid fornication.
 - 2) Get married and give love to the marriage partner (vv. 2-3).
 - 3) Don't live unto yourself (v. 4). Meet your partner's needs.
 - 4) Don't defraud or rob the partner of what is rightfully his or hers (v. 5).
Exception: With mutual consent, for a time to fast & pray. Then come together again so Satan will not tempt.
 - 5) The physical communication of married love becomes mechanical and animal unless the spiritual and psychological communication is first emphasized!
Warning: Keep the marriage boundary. With feelings, the line between the spiritual, emotional, and physical is very thin.
- d) **Children are desirable** – **Ps. 127:3-5; 128:3**
Don't judge others on the number of children they have.
Childless couples: Let God answer your prayers (**Matt. 21:22**).

6. **CHILDREN: Obey your parents – Eph. 6:1-3; I Tim. 6:1-6**

- a) *First commandment with promise (Ex. 20:12)*
 - 1) **Col. 3:20** – Pleasing to the Lord
 - 2) **John 14:21** – Shows love
- b) *The remedy for disobedience:*
 - 1) Under the law: *Death!* – **Ex. 21:15, 17; Deut. 21:18-21**
 - 2) Under grace: *Chasten!* – **Heb. 12:7-9; Prov. 19:18**
 - 3) *How?* With a rod – *Prov. 23:13-14; 22:15; 13:24; 3:11-12*

7. **FATHERS: Train your children – Eph. 6:4; Josh. 24:14-24**

The father represents law & order. He also is a God image. Invest in your children your...

Time – Testimony – Training

(Demonstrate & seek to inculcate the following crucial things):

Salvation, Study the Word, Separation, Surrender, Soulwinning

- a) **Prov. 22:6** – Teach by *creed* and by *deed*. **Who is teaching your children? TV? Ungodly schools? Friends & playmates?**
- b) **Isaiah 8:10** – Teach them “*line upon line, precept upon precept.*”
- c) **Prov. 4:1-2** – Hear the father; he gives good doctrine
Prov. 8:13 – The *fear of the Lord* (**Prov. 1:8** – It’s the beginning of *knowledge* & **Prov. 9:10** the beginning of *wisdom*)!
Deut. 6:6-7; II Tim. 1:5 – (Maintain) a family altar i.e. a family devotional time.

*The Supreme Court decision ruled prayer and Bible study out of the public schools.
A father’s neglect rules them out of the home!*