



TREASURING THE GIFT OF FAMILY: The Gift of Marriage (Sermon #8)  
**THE HUSBAND'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR ONENESS**

The fulfillment of a husband's role in marriage leads to oneness. A husband is responsible to accept God's design for marriage.

- God has designed a \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 5:23; Genesis 2:18). The husband is the \_\_\_\_\_ and the wife is the \_\_\_\_\_.
- God has designed the husband and wife to be \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Corinthians 11:11)
- God has designed the husband and wife with \_\_\_\_\_ (Galatians 3:28)
- God has designed the husband and wife to fulfill His design through dependence upon His power (John 15:5)

**1A. LOVE LIKE THE SAVIOR (Ephesians 5:25)**

**1B. Love is seeking God's best for your wife (Colossians 3:19)**

- 1C. Love is based on the act of the \_\_\_\_\_ (not on feelings).
- 2C. Love is demonstrated by \_\_\_\_\_ (not good intentions).
- 3C. Love is given in \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ (not in response to your wife's performance).
- 4C. Love is also expressed \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5C. Love is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**2B. Love's goal is the building up and enrichment of your wife (Ephesians 5:28-30).**

- 1C. A husband \_\_\_\_\_ his wife by encouraging her to grow in Christ.
- 2C. A husband \_\_\_\_\_ his wife by responding to her needs as a gift and blessing from God (1 Peter 3:7)
- 1D. A wife feels cherished when her husband \_\_\_\_\_ with her.
- 2D. A wife feels cherished when her husband is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3D. A wife feels cherished when her husband makes her burdens lighter, not heavier.
- 4D. A wife feels cherished when her husband sets a godly example and prays with her.

**2A. LEAD LIKE A SERVANT**

**1B. Leadership in marriage is based on a \_\_\_\_\_ placement, not on value or abilities (1 Corinthians 11:3).**

**2B. Leadership in marriage is based on \_\_\_\_\_ example not society.**

**3B. Leadership includes providing for the material needs of the family (1 Timothy 5:8).**

**4B. Leadership involves taking the \_\_\_\_\_ in meeting needs, communication, resolving conflict, and participation.**

Note: God takes the husband's role to love and lead his wife seriously (Malachi 2:14-15). A husband is never called to force his wife to follow. Rather, he is challenged to earn this response by being a man of godliness, integrity, compassion, and competence. Remember, a leader is a lover and a lover is a leader.

- Will you seek oneness with your wife? Do you accept God's design for marriage? Will you love your wife according to Christ's way? Will you accept your God-given responsibility to love like the Savior and lead like a servant?
- As you seek to understand your wife and attempt to meet her needs in loving ways, you will be able to lead with credibility and she will feel cared for and honored.
- Finally, take heart in knowing that God designed the husband and wife to fulfill His design through dependence in Him.