



## Personal Evaluation for Husbands

| <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> |   |
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| _____      | _____     | 1. Do you feel that the lines of communication are fully open between you and each one in your family? (I Thessalonians 2:8-12)                         |
| _____      | _____     | 2. Is each member of your family as grateful to you as you feel they should be? (Colossians 3:19, 21)   |
| _____      | _____     | 3. Do you find it difficult to control your temper during family conflicts? (Proverbs 15:1, James 4:1, Proverbs 13:10)                                  |
| _____      | _____     | 4. Do you make it a practice to verbally acknowledge to your family when you have been wrong? <sup>1</sup> (James 5:16, Matthew 5:24)                   |
| _____      | _____     | 5. Do you have clearly-defined goals for yourself and your family? (I Cor. 3:9,10)  |
| _____      | _____     | 6. Does each member of your family know what your specific personal and family goals are? (James 1:22)  |
| _____      | _____     | 7. Have you helped each member of your family set up clearly defined goals? (Ephesians 6:4) (Goals to develop inward qualities and outward achievement) |
| _____      | _____     | 8. Are you able to trace conflicts within your family to basic causes? (I Cor. 2:15,16)   |
| _____      | _____     | 9. Has anyone ever clearly defined for you the principles Christ taught in solving family conflicts? (II Timothy 2:14-17)                               |
| _____      | _____     | 10. Do you feel that you know how to apply basic Scriptural principles in achieving lasting solutions for family conflicts? (Matthew 5:1-12)            |
| _____      | _____     | 11. Are you satisfied with your family's response to your authority? <sup>2</sup> (I Timothy 1:15)  |
| _____      | _____     | 12. Are you respected by your family to the same degree that Jesus Christ is to be respected by the Church? (Ephesians 5:23-33)                         |
| _____      | _____     | a. Have you clearly defined your role in the home? (Ephesians 5:25)   |
| _____      | _____     | b. Do you notice and compliment your wife for things done around the house, as well as personal compliments? (Ephesians 5:28, Proverbs 16:24)           |
| _____      | _____     | c. Do you plan regular outings for the children and create an interest in them for really important things in life? (Ephesians 5:25)                    |
| _____      | _____     | d. Do you correct your wife in front of the children? (Proverbs 17:27, 28; 29:20)   |
| _____      | _____     | e. Do you initiate discussions with your children regarding their activities in church, school, interest, etc.? (Proverbs 20:5; 27:19)                  |
| _____      | _____     | f. Do you discuss family problems and seek Scriptural solutions together? (Proverbs 27:23)  |

<sup>1</sup> Two of the most common complaints lodged against Fathers are that they cannot control their temper and that, out of pride, they rarely admit that they have been wrong.

<sup>2</sup> Their attitude toward your authority tends to become their attitude toward God's authority.



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| _____ | _____ | g. Do you pray with the children as well as your wife? (Ephesians 6:4)   |
| _____ | _____ | h. Do you compliment other women in front of your wife? Are you overly conscious of other women? (Proverbs 22:3; Matthew 5:28) |
| _____ | _____ | i. Do you seem to spend your time at home giving orders? (Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 9:9; 13:10; 13:22-24)                        |
| _____ | _____ | j. Do you feel comfortable alone with your children? (Proverbs 8:20-21)  |
| _____ | _____ | k. Is your testimony in your home one that you would be willing to share with anyone? (Proverbs 22:17-22)                      |

**NEED: SHE NEEDS THE STABILITY AND DIRECTION OF A SPIRITUAL LEADER**

**INSIGHTS:**

**ACTION:**

**4 MARKS OF SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP**

1. Desire to seek the Lord

Evidences:

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2. Convictions based on Scripture

Evidences:

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3. Determination to follow convictions

Obstacles:

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4. Love is whatever is done

Ways you demonstrate love.  
(How does she perceive this?)



**NEED: SHE NEEDS TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE AWARE OF HER PRESENCE EVEN WHEN YOUR MIND IS ON OTHER MATTERS.**

**INSIGHTS:**

Your \_\_\_\_\_ of your Wife's presence is her \_\_\_\_\_ of your love and protection.

**ACTION:**

Love has good manners. Which of the following manners do you consistently practice?

- Helping her on and off with her coat
- Seating her at the table
- Opening doors for her – Especially the car door
- Lifting heavy objects
- Ordering for her at restaurants
- Knowing and using table manners
- Picking up after yourself at home
- Punctuality
- Properly introducing your wife
- Telling her your schedule
- Refraining from crude language, criticism, and improper subjects
- Personal cleanliness, neatness, and grooming

Be alert and responsive to your wife's "Daily Readings" of your awareness of her presence. When she asks you a question:

1. Stop what you are doing
2. Look at her.
3. Smile when you talk.
4. Answer her question. Even little questions.
5. Tell her with your eyes that you love her.



**NEED: SHE NEEDS TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE MAKING INVESTMENTS IN HER LIFE THAT WILL EXPAND AND FULFILL HER WORLD.**

**INSIGHTS:**

\*Major function of the head is to

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**ACTION:**

\* Learn the spiritual gift of your wife and discern her progress in developing it, as well as the other six gifts in Romans 12.

\* Define, with her, the responsibilities which each of you have in the home.

\* Visualize how you can add new dimensions to her responsibilities so that she can see future value to what she is presently doing.

**BONUS**

To Eliminate 50% of Marital Conflict

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**NEED: SHE NEEDS TO KNOW THAT SHE IS MEETING VITAL NEEDS IN YOUR LIFE  
AND WORK THAT NO OTHER WOMAN CAN MEET.**

What are seven things that your wife does for you that no other woman can do?

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## **SPECIAL STEPS IN SELECTING A SECRETARY**

- 1. MAKE SURE THAT THE SECRETARY YOU HIRE IS NOT LIKELY TO LOOK TO YOU TO MEET HER EMOTIONAL NEEDS.**

Attempting to meet the emotional needs of a secretary is sure to produce insecurity in your wife if not jealousy and resentment. A secretary's basic emotional needs must be met by her parents if she is single, her husband if she is married, and God if she is widowed.

- 2. MAKE SURE THAT YOUR WIFE MEETS, INTERVIEWS, AND APPROVES THE SECRETARY BEFORE YOU HIRE HER.**

Technically, a secretary is working for the wife since she is doing things to assist you that your wife is not able to do.

- 3. MAKE SURE THAT YOUR WIFE IS ON A DEEPER LEVEL OF FRIENDSHIP WITH YOUR SECRETARY THAN YOU ARE.**

If your wife is on a fourth level friendship with your secretary you can be on a third level. Your wife would then be the one to give your secretary counsel on appropriate dress, words, and actions, if necessary.

- 4. MAKE SURE THAT YOUR WIFE CAN CALL YOU WITHOUT GOING THROUGH YOUR SECRETARY.**

If you don't have a private phone, instruct the secretary to always put her through without asking questions. If you are busy, have her tell your wife what you are doing and let her make the decision of whether or not to disturb you.

- 5. MAKE SURE THAT YOU NEVER ASK YOUR SECRETARY TO MEET PERSONAL NEEDS OR SPECIAL TASKS THAT FALL WITHIN THE JOB DESCRIPTION OF YOUR WIFE.**

Don't ask your secretary to sew a button on your coat or bake your special pie. Don't allow her to bake a cake to celebrate your birthday.

- 6. MAKE SURE THAT YOUR SECRETARY IS COMMITTED TO THE SUCCESS OF YOUR MARRIAGE.**

Your secretary must help you to make your wife and home your priority by shielding you from unnecessary interruptions, helping you keep appointments with your wife, and guarding you from temptations of moral impurity.

- 7. MAKE SURE THAT YOU PRAISE YOUR WIFE TO YOUR SECRETARY AND NEVER DISCUSS PROBLEMS IN YOUR MARRIAGE WITH HER.**

Appreciate your secretary's abilities without praising her to your wife, especially if your wife does not have equal abilities in that area.



**NEED: SHE NEEDS TO SEE AND HEAR THAT YOU CHERISH HER AND THAT YOU DELIGHT IN HER AS A PERSON.**

**INSIGHTS:**

**ACTION:**

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List the Character qualities and personality traits that first attracted you to your wife.

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List the unchangeable physical features, family circumstances and past experiences of your wife, which she still finds difficult to accept:

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| Divorced parents       | Physical handicap |
| Lack of education      | Poverty           |
| Retarded family member |                   |
| Past failures, etc.    |                   |

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Determine how each of these items has produced or strengthened attitudes and qualities in your wife which you admire and which also challenge you to spiritual growth.

Examples:

Past failures

A genuine humility and spirit of  
gratefulness for God's mercy.

Physical Handicap

Greater dependence on God and  
determination.



**NEED: SHE NEEDS TO KNOW THAT YOU UNDERSTAND HER BY PROTECTING HER  
IN HER AREAS OF LIMITATION.**

**INSIGHTS:**

**ACTION:**

Scripture commands you to dwell with your wife "according to knowledge giving honor unto her as unto the weaker vessel."

(1 Peter 3:7)

Which of the following items would give you an opportunity to honor your wife by providing loving and wise boundaries for her?

- ♥ Not getting enough sleep
- ♥ Not finishing jobs
- ♥ Frustration when under pressure
- ♥ Too trusting of people
- ♥ Wrong dress for men
- ♥ Volunteering husband for jobs
- ♥ Dwelling on negatives
- ♥ Poor eating habits
- ♥ Putting on excess weight
- ♥ Fears from past experiences
- ♥ Letting personal appearance go
- ♥ Foolish spending
- ♥ Destructive self-criticism
- ♥ Anxiety over details
- ♥ Tardiness for events
- ♥ Inability to make friends
- ♥ Shyness in meeting people
- ♥ Talking too much
- ♥ Weakness after an illness

Think through guidelines that you can establish to protect your wife from failure in any of the above areas.





**NEED: SHE NEEDS TO KNOW THAT YOU ENJOY SETTING ASIDE QUALITY TIME FOR INTIMATE CONVERSATION WITH HER.**

**INSIGHTS:**

\* Wife's most basic need is:

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Five reasons wives don't share their greatest fears:

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**ACTION:**

List time: \_\_\_\_\_

List place: \_\_\_\_\_

**Purpose to avoid distractions.**

**Action steps to remove your wife's fears:**

1. Become aware of the fears which many wives have:

- \* Insecurity if the husband dies
- \* Getting old
- \* Becoming unattractive to husband
- \* Ill health due to past sins
- \* Failing as a wife or mother
- \* Husband losing his job
- \* Having a mental breakdown
- \* Social awkwardness
- \* Educational deficiency
- \* Physical safety when alone
- \* Future of children
- \* Being displaced by another

2. During times of intimate conversation choose one of the above areas and ask her how she really feels about it. After her first answer, ask "In addition to that, do you have any other feelings about it?"

3. Take each fear your wife expresses and ask God for wisdom in resolving it:

What scripture deals with that fear?  
Study and memorize it.

What steps of action can you take?  
Begin taking them.

What steps of action can she take?  
Encourage her to take them.