



The Wife's Responsibilities

The following are responsibilities that show the wife areas she needs to develop in her relationship with her husband

<u>Wife's Responsibilities</u>	<u>Related Scripture</u>
1. Develop a confidence in the husband's decisions. Learn to pray rather than questioning, showing anxiety, or expressing disapproval over the husband's decisions with a resentful attitude.	I Peter 3:5, "This was the secret of the beauty of the holy women of ancient times who trusted in God and were submissive to their husbands." (Phillips)
2. Be sure your motives are pure toward the husband. Make sure the action and attributes of the wife are because of her love for Christ rather than an attempt to change or get something from the husband.	I Timothy 1:5, "The ultimate aim of the Christian ministry, after all, is to produce the love which springs from a pure heart, and good conscience and a genuine faith." (Phillips)
3. Learn to appreciate the husband's positive qualities. Concentrate on the husband's strengths as an evidence of God's specific design for his life.	Philippians 4:8, "Finally brethren, what ever things are true, what ever things are honest, what ever things are just, what ever things are pure, what ever things lovely, whatever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things."
4. Develop loyalty in the children towards their father.	Ephesians 4:32, "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God, for Christ's sake, hath forgiven you."
5. Forgive the past failures of the husband. Be willing to completely forgive the future wrongs.	Matthew 6:14, 15, "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."



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| 6. Learn to put the priorities of the Husband first. There can be "oneness" in the family, only if the wife's and children's schedules are in keeping with the husband's priorities. | Ephesians 5:21, 22, "And 'fit in with' each other, because of your common reverence for Christ. You wives must learn to adapt yourselves to your husbands..." (Phillips) |
| 7. Show an appreciation for the attention the husband must give to his work. Learn something about his work. Show appreciation for the work he does to support the family. | Proverbs 31:26, "She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. |
| 8. Encourage the husband through failures. Realize this is one of God's tools in teaching the husband. Never say, "I told you so." | I Peter 3:1, "In the same spirit you married women should adapt yourselves to your husbands, so that even if they do not obey the Word of God they may be won to God without any word being spoken." (Phillips) |
| 9. Always ask forgiveness when the wife wrongs the husband. Realize that honor and respect are a result of being willing to admit a wrong even in small things. | Hebrews 13:18, "Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience in all things willing to live honestly."
Proverbs 18:12 |
| 10. Look for the qualities God is seeking to develop in your husband. Purpose to cooperate with God in the development of those positive qualities. | Romans 8: 28, 29, "And we know that all things work together for good to them who are the called according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son (developing positive qualities like Christ)..." |
| 11. Develop a contentment to live within the husband's income. Realize that food and clothing are the basic needs for which the husband is responsible and God will provide. Show appreciation for the extras you do have and minimize those you would like to have. | Philippians 4:11, 12, "I have learned to be content what ever my circumstances may be. I know how to live when things are prosperous. In general, and in particular, I have learned the secret of facing either plenty or poverty." (Phillips)
I Timothy 6:8 |