

# **A Wife's Priority: (For Women Only, Please)**

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## **Introduction**

### **Priorities**

What are yours?

Do things you do daily reflect your priorities?

Start with hearts – our own. Theme verses:

*James 3:13-18*: “Who is wise and understanding. . .”

*Galatians 5:22-23*: “But the fruit of the Spirit is love. . .”

### **Husbands**

*Ephesians 5:22-24*: “. . . Now as to the church submit to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in EVERYTHING. “

*Ephesians 5:33*: “However, each one of you must also love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.”

Respect – to feel or show honor or esteem for – to hold in high regard; to consider or treat with deference.

Significant—having meaning, importance, of consequence

### **How?**

Show frequent appreciation. Teach children to show him respect and support. Do not suffocate him. Make him feel good! Enjoy inside jokes. Release him to go in the mornings. Cook wholesome foods. Take care of his health. Greet cheerfully. Practice restraint from giving unsolicited advice. Need him. Let him be your hero. Respect his work. Do not grumble about money. Trust your husband. Be content. Take your concerns to God.

*James 4:1-10*: “What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don’t they come from your desires that battle within you? You want something but don’t get it . . . “

## Intimacy

*1 Corinthians 7:3-5*: “. . .The wife’s body does not belong to her alone, but also to her husband. In the same way, the husband’s body does not belong to him alone, but also to his wife. Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time. . .”

- Bedroom=Sanctuary Song of Solomon 7:10 :  
“I belong to my lover and his desire is for me.”
- What do you look like? 1 Corinthians 6:19:  
“. . . your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. . .”

## Communication

Understand how he thinks. When a man is silent he is processing info. He needs to be left alone. Men talk to gain or convey information. When a woman is upset, out of respect, he will leave her alone, or if he stays, he makes matters worse by trying to solve her problems. What she most needs is just someone to listen. Men feel frustrated by problems unless they are doing something to solve them.

- When you communicate what is your tone? Proverbs 27:15-16: “A quarrelsome wife is like a constant dripping on a rainy day. . .”
- Proverbs 25:24: “Better to live on a corner of the roof than share a house with a quarrelsome wife.”

Communicate without blame. Equip your husband by communicating what is going on in your homeschool. We should wade through curriculum choices; give him the basics. Don’t expect him to read minds. Set him up for success.

## Secret behind successful dads/husbands?

*The power of your prayer!* Start by looking back at the answers God has given you. Ways to pray: His wife. His weaknesses. His strengths. His fatherhood. His leadership. Hedge of protection around him/morality. His relationship with you & with GOD.

*Joshua 24:15*

“But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”