

TEN LAWS OF MARRIAGE

Ephesians 5:33

According to Ephesians 5:33, husbands and wives are commanded to supply separate psychological and emotional benefits for their mates. Husbands are commanded to supply LOVE, while wives are instructed to respect their husbands. This is not a simple matter of semantics. It is a distinctly different set of actions and opportunities that reflect the diversity of God's creation. Simply stated; we don't need the same thing from each other. We need what we need, and God has brilliantly provided a helpmeet to supply for us that which we cannot supply for ourselves.

Husband Law #1: The Law of Sacrifice

Ephesians 5: 25

A husband is called to be willing to die for his wife. Christ died to purchase His "bride," the Church. Marriage is a commitment of the husband to protect his wife unto death even as a soldier makes a commitment unto death to protect the motherland.

Husband Law #2: The Law of Honor

I Peter 3: 7

Honor means to set a high price on. The writer of Proverbs said that a virtuous woman's "worth is far above rubies." This law means that the husband sets the highest price and most value on the head of his wife.

Husband Law #3: The Law of Affirmation

Ephesians 5: 26; Proverbs 31: 28-29

A woman's ear gate is her primary receptor of excitement. Words from her man bring her pleasure. The "voice of my beloved" (Song of Solomon 5: 2) is what stirred her to romance. That is why words are so vital in keeping romance alive.

Husband Law #4: The Law of Security

Ruth 3: 9

Ruth asked Boaz to "take your servant under your wing." She wanted him to take his coat and spread it over her. A woman's deepest need is for "covering," a sense of security and protection

Husband Law #5: The Law of Excitement

John 2

A man's spontaneity, excitement, and motivation are important to his wife. Jesus turned the water into wine at the Wedding in Cana of Galilee. The husband must keep the element of surprise operating in the marriage. Ok Tarzan, rescue Jane from the mundane!

Wife Law #1: The Law of the Shepherd

John 10: 11

The husband is the shepherd of the family (the original word was "husbandman"). The shepherd's primary job was to guard the door of the sheep so the sheep could rest. His voice, direction, and protection became their safety and livelihood.

Wife Law #2: The Law of Companionship

Malachi 2: 14

“She is your companion.” This word refers to a compatriot in battle, a closest associate. In essence, she is at his side in battle, since it is used of men who go to war together. A wife must seek to be at her husband’s side in the things he does. She cannot distance herself, wanting nothing to do with the things he does. When he sees her side-by-side with him in his life’s activities, he perceives this as RESPECT.

Wife Law #3: The Law of Silence

I Peter 3: 1

“Without a word” points to a woman’s ability to hold her tongue when she feels disrespect rising up inside her. We often “hold our tongue” when showing respect at work, at school, with a coach, etc. Why can’t we do it at home? A wife can disagree without becoming disagreeable, appeal without losing respect. When a wife operates in this spirit (even if the husband is not yet saved), he perceives her attitude as “RESPECT.”

Wife Law #4: The Law of Beauty

I Peter 3: 3-4

The “outer” woman should communicate respect as well as the “inner” woman. A wife should be modest and respectful in the way she dresses, seeking to attract no one but her husband. Her outward beauty should be obvious to her husband as she seeks to attract him for life. While it is true that what is on the inside matters MOST, what’s on the outside matters SOME. Please understand that men don’t need their wife to be a size three, but they DO need her to make the effort to take care of herself.

Wife Law #5: The Law of Mercy

John 4

The woman at the well had been married five times and was now living with a man. Men had ruined her life. Satan hates a woman to be the crowning glory of a husband and seeks to bring conflict and confusion. A woman of mercy and purity can reverse this cycle of conflict.