

# Help for Husbands Course

## LESSON #3 IN REVIEW

### What is a Husband's Main Purpose in Marriage?

Meeting your wife's emotional needs will set you up to care for her spiritual needs. This brings us to the main reason you are a husband.

*"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, **That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.**" (Ephesians 5:25-27)*

Notice that Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it (His wife). Why? Verses 26-27 – That He could make her more spiritual. So He could purify her for presentation. A good Christian husband should want her to be holy, without spot or wrinkle (imperfection). The life goal of a husband is to get His wife ready for the judgment day when she stands before Jesus Christ – and she will!

*"But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? **for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.**" (Romans 14:10)*

*"**For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.**" (2 Corinthians 5:10)*

We should help our wives to be able to stand with confidence and not be ashamed before Him on that day.

*"And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have **confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming...** Herein is our love made perfect, **that we may have boldness in the day of judgment:** because as he is, so are we in this world." (1 John 2:28; 4:17)*

Have you ever observed a man corrupt a woman? Yes – all the time. Women are easily talked into things by men. Many women drink beer today because men drank first. Some are fornicators and adulterers because men were first. Some desert their husbands and children because men did first.

The desire of a woman is to her husband (Genesis 3:16). A man can easily steer that desire, and cause a woman to do wrong things or right things. Steer her desire to follow you into holiness.

How? By being the leader.

What is a leader? One who consistently sets an example.

Let her see you consistently loving God.

Let her see you consistently witnessing.

Let her see you consistently praying.

Let her see you consistently receiving answers to prayer.

Let her see you consistently caring.

Let her see you consistently loving the neighbors.

Let her see you consistently reading and studying the Bible.

Let her see you consistently serving in the church.

Let her see you consistently forgiving your enemies.

Let her see you consistently paying your bills.

Let her see you consistently loving the brethren.

Let her see you consistently loving the children

Let her see you consistently sacrificing, etc., etc., etc.

Do these things alone by yourself for a long time. Then invite her to participate.

**Conclusion:** The main reason God gave you a wife is to help her become more holy because she is related to you, and to prepare her for presentation at the judgment seat of Christ. This is not accomplished by preaching to her but by setting a long consistent example for her to follow.