



UNDERSTANDING YOUR WIFE'S DEEPEST NEEDS
I Promise Part 6
I Cor. 7:3 & I Peter 3:7

"The husband must fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband." I Corinthians 7:3 (NASB)

"You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered." I Peter 3:7 (NASB)

HOW I TREAT MY WIFE DETERMINES how effective my prayers are

As a husband, I am to do three things according to 1 Peter 3:7

1. **LIVE** with my wife! "Live with"
DEF: Share my life . . . do things together . . . be companions

2. **UNDERSTAND** my wife!
"Be considerate"
DEF: "Thoughtful of the needs and feelings of another"

3. **RESPECT** my wife!
". . . respect . . ."
DEF: Honor my wife. Value her . . . Appreciate her value

THE FOUR DEEPEST NEEDS OF YOUR WIFE

1. My Wife Needs My Affection

"So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself;" Eph. 5:28

"Husbands, love your wives and do not be embittered against them." Colossians 3:19 (NASB)

"Husbands give your wives much love; never treat them harshly." Colossians 3:19 (Ph)

QUOTE: *"If you want the oven hot at night, you've got to light the pilot in the morning."*

Four Ways to Show Affection

- * **BY MY WORDS** (*Compliments/Song of Solomon*)

- * **BY MY ACTIONS** (*Leave her a note/Flowers/Love Dare*)

- * **BY THE WAY I TOUCH HER** (*Holding hands/hugs*)

- * **BY FOCUSED ATTENTION** (*Eye-contact/the only one in the room*)

“for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church,” Eph. 5:29 (NASB)

2. My Wife Needs Conversation With Me

Conversation combats the feeling of isolation listed as the 3rd most common source of female depression by Dr. James Dobson, What Wives Wished Their Husbands Knew About Women, 1975 Tyndale House Publishing.

3. My Wife Needs Financial Security

“But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.” I Timothy 5:8 (NASB)

4. My Wife Needs My Commitment to the Family

Be Faithful: *“The one who commits adultery with a woman is lacking sense; He who would destroy himself does it.” Proverbs 6:32 (NASB)*

Share Parenting Responsibilities & Be The Spiritual Leader Of Your Home: *“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” Ephesians 6:4 (NASB)*