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God's Blue Print For Wives #3

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When studying the role of a husband and wife, each must learn their own role. Don't make a list of what your spouse should do and try to enforce it.

Expectation produces offense, which creates strife, division and disharmony.

Gen. 2:18 God created women to be a help to men – suitable, adapted, and completing like two pieces of a puzzle that fit together perfectly producing a picture of Jesus and the church.

As a helper, the wife should do her husband ONLY good. Proverbs 31:10-12

The world has presented a wife as a smart mouth, pushy, independent woman;

Example:

THE FEMALE RULES

1. The female always makes the rules.
2. The rules are subject to change at any time without prior notification.
3. The female can change her mind at any given point in time.
4. The male must never change his mind without expressed written consent from the female.
5. The female is never wrong.
6. If the female is wrong, it is because of a flagrant misunderstanding which was a direct result of something the male did or said wrong.
7. If rule six (6) applies, the male must apologize immediately for causing the misunderstanding.
8. The female has every right to be angry or upset at any time.
9. The male must remain calm at all times, unless the female wants him to be angry or upset.
10. Any attempt to document these rules could result in bodily harm.
11. If the female has PMS all rules are null and void.
12. The man cannot under any circumstances diagnose PMS!

Ephesians 5:22 & 33: Amplified Bible

A wife is her husband's cheerleader. A cheerleader supports and encourages the team even if it isn't winning and is doing a poor job. Their loyalties remain with the team and cheer them on.

WHAT WOMEN NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MEN

1. MEN NEED RESPECT:

Men would rather feel unloved than inadequate and disrespected.

2. MEN ARE INSECURE:

Despite their "in control" exterior, men often feel like impostors and are insecure that their inadequacies will be discovered.

3. MEN ARE PROVIDERS:

Even if you personally made enough income to support the family's lifestyle, it would make no difference to the mental burden he feels to provide.

4. MEN WANT MORE SEX:

Your sexual desire for your husband profoundly affects his sense of well-being and confidence in all areas of his life.

5. MEN ARE VISUAL:

Even happily married men struggle with being pulled toward live and recollected images of other women.

6. MEN ARE UNROMANTIC CLOUDS:

Actually, most men enjoy romance (sometimes in different ways) and want to be romantic – but hesitate because they doubt they can succeed.

7. MEN CARE ABOUT APPEARANCE:

You don't need to be a size 3, but your man does need to see you making the effort to take care of yourself – and he will take on significant cost or inconvenience in order to support you.

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1Peter 3:1-6 Meek and Quiet Spirit

What Meekness is not: Not a temperament trait; not inferiority or timidity or a personality trait; not so much outward behavior but an inward position of the heart. Meekness is not weakness. It is an inward grace that the Holy Spirit produces in our lives. It is a fruit of the spirit: Gal. 5:22 (The work which the presence of the Holy Spirit within accomplishes)

Definition from W. E. Vines:

In wrought grace of the soul exercised first and chiefly towards God. It is closely linked with humility. Does not fight against what God is trying to do in your life. It is a condition of the mind and heart.

Some think meekness is weakness or an inability to help themselves; In reality it is the fruit of power. Jesus had the infinite resources of God at His command but was always controlled by the will of God not his own will.

Meekness is the opposite of self-assertiveness and self-interest. It is neither elated nor cast down simply because it is not occupied with self at all. Meekness is not weakness or an inability to help one's self – in reality it is the fruit of power.

Opposite of meekness: Selfishness; critical; domineering; controlling; manipulating; intimidating; to be fiercely independent; intensely ambitious for pre-eminence and control.

Some say: Meekness is strength in control; the opposite of meekness is controlling in strength

Definition of Quietness: Tranquility that arises from within, causing no disturbance to ourselves or to others, keeping one's seat. It is quietness that allows us to sit still when we would have the opportunity to arise and champion our cause, to be still, to be undisturbed, to be immovable, to be settled and steadfast, to be the same all the time.

Example of Esther who handled a touchy situation with meekness.

Titus 2:3-5 Older women teach the younger ones to love their husbands.

Loving them will encourage them to change far more than confrontation or trying to fix them ever could.

You are not their fixer; you're their intercessor. God is the changer; He has access to their hearts!