

# A Happy, Healthy Marriage

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If you could describe your perfect husband, what would he be like? Mr. Wonderful! Mr. Perfect! Would he be handsome? Would he be caring and kind? Would he always remember your birthday and your anniversary? Would he say, "I'm sorry" when he hurts your feelings? Would he be someone who always treats you with love and respect? Would he be a good leader, concerned about your growth in all areas of life, especially spiritual? Would he share your dreams and goals for the family? Would he be happy you are his wife? Would he be a hard worker who brought his check home to provide for the family? Would he have to be 'perfect' in all things at all times?

We are all a little different and our likes vary. You probably can think of many other possibilities. Now let me tell you how to love this wonderful husband of yours. Treat him the way you would want to be treated, (Matthew 7:12.) Say, "I love you" regularly. Admit when you are wrong and ask his forgiveness. Thank GOD for him daily. Often fix 'his' favorites for supper. Iron his shirts without complaint. Give him space when he needs it. Be warm and kind to him. Tell him how important he is to you and your family. Allow him to lead the family. Grow in being a great follower. Share your ideas, but don't plot and whine when you don't get your way. Don't always have to have "your way." Be happy to be his wife. Be happy he is your husband! Pray for him daily. It is difficult to be the leader and always have to be right. Love him for who he is. Remember none of us are perfect. He will forget things, make mistakes and get frustrated some times, just like you do!

I have heard it said in derision about couples that are close, "They are just joined at the hip." Let's read what our LORD said in Matthew 19:5; "...for this cause shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be **one flesh**?" Well I suppose that if they seem to be "joined at the hip" it is because they are to be one flesh and they are doing a good job of doing just what the LORD said!

If your husband is not a Christian, Peter gives you this advise; "Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands, that if any obey not the word they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives." What that means 'in a nutshell' is obey GOD, be a Christian in front of him and love him as described above, always putting GOD first in front of him. This maybe the best sermon he ever hears!

God's commands are so simple concerning this matter. Try them and have a 'happy, healthy marriage'!