

12 WAYS TO LOVE YOUR WIFE

1 Peter 3:7 ~ James 1:17 ~ Ephesians 5:25

1. Listen to your wife

- a. Give your wife your full attention when she is speaking, especially when it is a time when she has asked to talk.
- b. When your wife is expressing herself, don't give advice; just listen.
- c. Look your wife in the eyes when she is speaking; drop what you're doing and listen.

2. Be open with your wife

- a. Communicate all things with your wife - little things and big things.
- b. Communicate your feelings to your wife. Example: The way you feel toward her or talk about your day at work.
- c. Never hide anything from your wife, even when you think it's petty.

3. Consider her feelings

- a. Take your wife's little problems seriously.
- b. Sympathize with your wife; try your best to understand her. (Be genuine.)
- c. Have compassion toward your wife when she is expressing her feelings. (Try to put yourself in her shoes.)
- d. When you see something may be wrong with your wife, ask her if anything is bothering her.

4. Consider her presence

- a. Notice your wife when something is different about her. (When she gets her hair done, etc.)
- b. Compliment your wife on the way she looks. (Be genuine.)
- c. Notice your wife, not just when you want something from her.
- d. Notice your wife when others are around.
- e. Introduce your wife to others when you meet new people.

5. Consider her workload

- a. Help your wife with the children.
- b. Help your wife around the house and with the shopping.

6. Consider her design

- a. Your wife is the weaker vessel, so encourage your wife, and be there for her when she needs you most: physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. (Play the man – Every woman is looking for a real leader that will lead her.)
- b. Make your wife feel like a woman. She needs to feel desirable, special. (Open the car door for her; buy her a rose from time to time, etc.)

7. Appreciate your wife

- a. From time to time remind your wife that you appreciate her; let your wife know how much she means to you.
- b. Show your wife loving manners when she does something for you. (Thank you, etc.)

8. Be interested in the life of your wife

- a. Ask her questions. Example: How was your day? How did your meeting go?
- b. Get involved with the things that your wife enjoys doing.

9. Share your life with your wife

- a. Communicate your plans, goals, and values with your wife.
- b. Consult your wife about your business.
- c. Ask your wife for her opinion.
- d. Whenever possible include your wife in the things you do.

10. Remember your wife

- a. Surprise your wife with little gifts and write her little notes.
- b. Buy your wife her favorite chocolate.
- c. Plan an evening out with your wife every so often.
- d. Cook for your wife every so often.
- e. Spend time with your wife and the children.

11. Respect your wife

- a. Accept your wife just as she is: her physical appearance, her performance, her achievements, and her character.
- b. Never tease your wife, or make fun of her. (this includes joking around, especially about her appearance)
- c. Use kind words when you talk with your wife; never be rude to her, especially in front of others.

12. Be affectionate toward your wife

- a. Give your wife plenty of hugs, especially when you see she needs it most.
- b. Hold your wife in your arms and just talk with her, while looking into her eyes.
- c. Be tender toward your wife, and use kind tender words.

Note: In order for a man to love his wife as Christ loved the Church, he needs to give himself to her sacrificially. In order for him to love his wife consistently, and faithfully, especially two years after pledging his vows to her on the marriage altar, he needs to walk in the Spirit, have a close walk with God, and the grace of God in his life.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."

If a man will fear God, and keep his commandments, then he will fearfully keep the command which the Lord gives in **Ephesians 5:25** "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;"

Statement: "Show me a man that walks in the fear of the Lord, and obeys Him, and I'll show you a man who will love his wife to death"