

"I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me."

John 5:30 (NASB77)



I don't speak on my own authority. The Father who sent me has commanded me what to say and how to say it.

John 12:49 (NLT)



But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears...

John 16:13 (NIV)



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Ephesians 5:21 (NIV)



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- 2. If you are submissive it means you are imitating Jesus Christ.

²⁵ But Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. ²⁶ But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant,

Matthew 20:25-26 (NLT)



Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives,

1 Peter 3:1 (NIV)



Jesus answered, "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above.

John 19:11 (NIV)



Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

Romans 13:1 (NIV)



3. HUSBANDS, LOVE YOUR WIFE

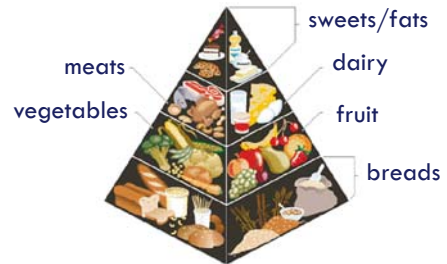


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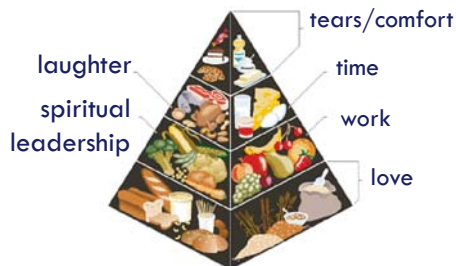
Ephesians 5:25 (NIV)



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²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

Ephesians 5:25-27 (NIV)





15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you... 17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

John 13:15-17 (NIV)

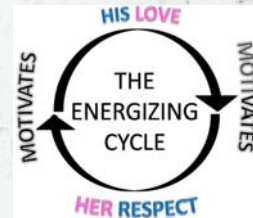


HUSBANDS: LOVING YOUR WIFE IS THE BEST THING YOU CAN DO FOR YOURSELF




28 In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— 30 for we are members of his body.

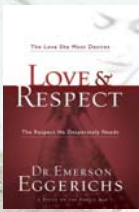

Ephesians 5:28-30 (NIV)



*Dear God,
Thank you for sending Jesus to die for my sin.
I want to give you control of my life. Please
forgive my sins and give me the gift of the
Holy Spirit and eternal life. Help me to know
you better and to learn from the Bible how I
can live a life that pleases you
and helps others. Amen.*



CONC: WHO GOES FIRST?

1. WIVES, RESPECT YOUR HUSBAND - UNCONDITIONALLY
 2. EVERYONE, SUBMIT TO ONE ANOTHER OUT OF REVERENCE FOR CHRIST
 3. HUSBANDS, LOVE YOUR WIFE - UNCONDITIONALLY
- Growing Point**

FOLLOW-THROUGH GUIDE
WIVES OF HUSBANDS (1)
Ephesians 6:21-23

GO DEEPER



WEEKS	WOMEN & ACTION ITEMS
WEDNESDAY 1 Peter 3:1-12	
THURSDAY 1 Corinthians 13	
FRIDAY 1 Timothy 3:1-13	
SATURDAY 1 Timothy 3:14-15	
SUNDAY 1 Timothy 3:16-17	