

# Letting Christ Love Your Mate through You WIVES

Although everyone has three God-given inner needs—the needs for love, for security and for significance—God designed the husband to have a greater need for personal significance, while the wife is uniquely created with a deeper need for security. A crucial element in the marriage relationship is becoming aware of your partner’s needs and learning to meet them creatively.

“Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.”  
(Philippians 2:4)



## For Wives ... Your Husband’s Needs

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- Praise his positive character traits.
- Reassure him of his capabilities.
- Respect his burden of responsibility.

“Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land.” (Proverbs 31:23)

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- Provide a peaceful home atmosphere.
- Manage the home efficiently.
- Verbalize appreciation for his provision.

“She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.” (Proverbs 31:27)

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- Develop mutual interests together.
- Learn to talk knowledgeably about your husband’s occupation.
- Become interested and/or proficient in activities your husband likes.

“‘The two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one.” (Mark 10:8)

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- Be a responsive wife.
- Communicate your sexual needs.
- Give assurance that your husband is sexually adequate.

“The wife’s body does not belong to her alone but also to her husband. In the same way, the husband’s body does not belong to him alone but also to his wife. Do not deprive each other except by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.” (1 Corinthians 7:4–5)

“A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life.” (Proverbs 31:10–12)

Try making a list of ten specific things you feel would please your mate. A wife might show her husband respect by asking for his advice. A husband can encourage his wife by seeking her opinion about his friends or business activities. Each week try to practice one thing on your list.

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