

# Renewal Ministries of Colorado Springs

Hope and Healing Through Christ Centered Ministry

## The Husbands Responsibilities

### 1 Peter 3:7 Verse-by-verse, Part 3

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**1 Peter 3:7 (NASB)** You husbands in the same way, live with *your wives* in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.

### Husbands know your wife's needs

**1 Peter 3:7a (AMP)** In the same way you married men should live considerately with [your wives], with an intelligent recognition [of the marriage relation],

*“The phrase be considerate as you live with your wives is literally translated “living together according to knowledge.” That a husband should be considerate implies more than just a kind attitude; it goes deeper, implying that his consideration of his wife is based on his knowledge of her needs, desires, gifts, and abilities. A husband who acts on his knowledge of his wife will greatly enrich her life, as well as his own.”* —Life Application Bible Commentary: 1 Peter

*“A Christian husband should be intimately aware of his wife's needs, her strengths and weaknesses, and her goals and desires. He should know as much about her as possible in order to respond in the best way to her.”* —The Nelson Study Bible

### Husbands should be willing to sacrifice

**Ephesians 5:25 (TMNT)** Husbands, go all out in your love for your wives, exactly as Christ did for the church—a love marked by giving, not getting.

Every husband should make Christ's love for the church the pattern for loving his wife. In so doing he will love her *sacrificially*. As Christ willingly gave Himself for the church; so the husband, in love, willingly gives himself for his wife. There is no sacrifice that he can make that is to great.

### Her needs are of primary importance

**Ephesians 5:28—29 (NASB)** <sup>28</sup>So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; <sup>29</sup>for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also *does* the church,

Nourishes is used twice Ephesians 5:29 and 6:4. Husbands are to *tenderly* work with their wives encouraging their growth in their God given strengths and talents. They should also promote emotional health and spiritual growth through their loving care.

**Nourish:** G1625 ἐκτρέφω *ektrephō ek-tref'-o* From G1537 and G5142; to *rear up* to maturity, that is, (generally) to *cherish* or *train*:—bring up, nourish.  
—Strong's Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries

**Ephesians 6:4 (NIV)** Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring [ἐκτρέφω] them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. [Emphasis added]

**Ephesians 6:4 (AMP)** Fathers, do not irritate {and} provoke your children to anger [do not exasperate them to resentment], but rear them [tenderly] in the training {and} discipline and the counsel {and} admonition of the Lord.

**Tenderly:** G2282 θάλπω *thalpō thal'-po* Thayer's Greek Definitions: (1) to warm, keep warm (2) to cherish with tender love, to foster with tender care

**1 Thessalonians 2:7 (NASB)** But we proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing *mother* tenderly cares [ θάλπω ] for her own children. [Emphasis added]

*“The blessed marriage is the marriage in which the husband loves his wife with unlimited caring. Something is basically wrong if she is looked at only as a cook, housekeeper, occasional companion, and sex partner. She is a God-given treasure to be loved, cared for, nourished, and cherished. To nourish a wife is to provide for her needs, to give that which helps her grow and mature in favor with God and man. To cherish her is to use tender love and physical affection to give her warmth, comfort, protection, and security. Those responsibilities are primarily the husband's, not the wife's. As Christ provides for His church, so the husband provides for his wife and family.”*

—MacArthur's New Testament Commentary: Ephesians 5:29

## Husbands should love their wives



**Ephesians 5:33 (NASB)** Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must *see to it* that she respects her husband.

**Colossians 3:19 (AMP)** Husbands, love your wives [be affectionate and sympathetic with them] and do not be harsh {or} bitter {or} resentful toward them.

**Proverbs 5:18—19 (TMNT)** <sup>18</sup>Bless your fresh-flowing fountain! Enjoy the wife you married as a young man! <sup>19</sup>Lovely as an angel, beautiful as a rose—don't ever quit taking delight in her body. Never take her love for granted!

**Proverbs 5:18—19b (AMP)** <sup>18</sup>Let your fountain [of human life] be blessed [with the rewards of fidelity], and rejoice in the wife of your youth. <sup>19</sup>Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant doe [tender, gentle, attractive]--let her bosom satisfy you at all times, and always be transported with delight in her love.

**Proverbs 5:19b (NASB)** Let her breasts satisfy you at all times; Be exhilarated always with her love.

**1 Corinthians 13:4 (AMP)** <sup>4</sup>Love endures long {and} is patient and kind; love never is envious {nor} boils over with jealousy, is not boastful {or} vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily. <sup>5</sup>It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) {and} does not act unbecomingly. Love (God's love in us) does not insist on its own rights {or} its own way, {for} it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy {or} fretful {or} resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong]. <sup>6</sup>It does not rejoice at injustice {and} unrighteousness, but

rejoices when right {and} truth prevail.<sup>7</sup> Love bears up under anything {and} everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening].<sup>8</sup> Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end]. As for prophecy (the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose), it will be fulfilled {and} pass away; as for tongues, they will be destroyed {and} cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away [it will lose its value and be superseded by truth].

## Husbands honor, protect & provide



**1 Peter 3:7 (TLB)** You husbands must be careful of your wives, being thoughtful of their needs and honoring them as the weaker sex. Remember that you and your wife are partners in receiving God’s blessings, and if you don’t *treat her as you should*, *your prayers will not get ready answers*.

*“Chivalry may be dead, but every husband must be a “knight in shining armor” who treats his wife like a princess. (By the way, the name Sarah means “princess.”) Peter did not suggest that a wife is “the weaker vessel” mentally, morally, or spiritually, but rather physically. There are exceptions, of course, but generally speaking, the man is the stronger of the two when it comes to physical accomplishments.”*

—Warren Wiersbe’s “Be” Series: Old & New Testaments

**1 Corinthians 7:3—5 (NLT)** <sup>3</sup>The husband should not deprive his wife of sexual intimacy, which is her right as a married woman, nor should the wife deprive her husband. <sup>4</sup>The wife gives authority over her body to her husband, and the husband also gives authority over his body to his wife. <sup>5</sup>So do not deprive each other of sexual relations. The only exception to this rule would be the agreement of both husband and wife to refrain from sexual intimacy for a limited time, so they can give themselves more completely to prayer. Afterward they should come together again so that Satan won’t be able to tempt them because of their lack of self-control.

Marriage is more than just living at the same address. It is a physical relationship shared between one man and one woman. Sex should never be used to manipulate one another for selfish gain. Nor should it be withheld as a source of punishment.

*“Using your superior strength and experience in her behalf, and thus honouring her by becoming her protector and support. But the word τιμη honor, signifies maintenance as well as respect;—maintain, provide for the wife.”* —Adam Clarke’s Commentary on the New Testament

**1 Timothy 5:8 (NIV)** If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

It is the man’s responsibility to and provide for the material needs of his wife and family. It is the wife’s responsibility to manage the internal affairs of the home, caring for the needs of the family. While there are times when the wife may work outside the home to assist the family it is important that extended *role reversal* be avoided.