

How To Be a Happy Hubby Colossians 3:19

Intro:

Why I chose this topic:

Review:

Who we are in Christ should affect how we live in the here and now.

It will affect our thinking, actions, & attitudes

Put off the old - put on the new.

First is our relationship with God, then comes our relationship within the family.

Read Col 3:1-19

The addressee: husbands

The beneficiary: husbands (and wives)

How can you be a happy hubby? It's all about your attitude.

(One positive command and one negative command)

I. Love your wife: (*Husbands, love your wives*)

When we as husbands say to our wives "I love you", what do we mean?

Love designated:

A command: pres act imprtv – love

Love defined: *agapate* (pres act imprtv) from *agapao*

Not "a feeling you feel when you feel like you are going to feel a feeling"

Not gooshy mooshy inside; warm fuzzy

Inadequacy of English lang.

Four Greek words that can mean love:

1) eros – erotic (English) sensual love, lust (physical)

2) storge – affection, love of kindred (familial)

3) phileo – friendly toward (emotional)

4) agapao – affection, good-will, benevolence (unconditional)

Agapao vs phileo:

Agapao: properly denotes a love founded in admiration, veneration, esteem.

To be kindly disposed to one, wish one well

Phileo: denotes an inclination prompted by sense and emotion

Definition: (wrkg def) love is a choice to act toward another in a sacrificial and beneficial way that is not conditional on anything the other has done

(ISBE) *Love, whether used of God or man, is an earnest and anxious desire for and an active and beneficent interest in the well-being of the one loved.*

Love demonstrated: *Characteristics of love*

Love is Sacrificing:

1) Jn 3:16

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

2) 1 Jn 4:10

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins

3) Rom 5:8

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

4) Gal 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

5) Jn 15:13

"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."

6) 1 Jn 3:16

By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

Does your attitude focus on what you want done for you? Or what is best for your wife?

Love is Cherishing:

1) 2Tim 4:8

Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

2) 2 Tim 4:10

for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica----Crescens for Galatia, Titus for Dalmatia.

3) Jn 12:43

for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

Husband do you cherish / value your wife?

Love is Forbearing:

1) 1 Pet 4:8

And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins."

Ex: overlooking "faults" squeezing toothpaste, jars on lids, tp rolls

2) 1 Cor 13:4

Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;

Ex: "I told you so"

Do you overlook / forgive your wife? Or hold things against her?

Love is Action:

1) 1 Jn 3:17-18

17 But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

18 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

Ex: "When we got married I told her I loved her; if that changes, I'll let her know"

2) Eph 5:25-27

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,
26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,
27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

Does your love express itself in doing what is best for your wife?

What are you doing to help your wife grow spiritually? To complete her?

II. Don't be bitter: (*and do not be bitter towards them*)

A command:

Keep yourself from becoming bitter (our responsibility)

Bitter Designated:

it is commanded not to be done
it is the husbands responsibility

Lit: *Keep yourself from becoming bitter*

Bitter Defined: *pikrainestha* (pres mid [pass] imprtv) from *pikraino*
to make bitter; irritate; metaph - harsh

Bitter Demonstrated:

1) Matt 26:75

And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." So he went out and wept bitterly.

2) Rev 8:11

The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter.

3) Rev 10:9-10

9 So I went to the angel and said to him, "Give me the little book." And he said to me, "Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth."
10 Then I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter.

4) Rom 3:14 (associated with speech/evil people) read context (Rom 3:10-14)

"Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness."

5) Eph 4:31

Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.

6) Heb 12:15

looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;

7) Jam 3:11 (*the clincher?*)

Does a spring send forth fresh water and bitter from the same opening?

Contrast love with our action (reaction) to our wives

If we are bitter:

we are not demonstrating love
we are not going to be happy hubbies

Love is action; bitterness is reaction

1 Cor 13:4-8a

- 4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;
- 5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;
- 6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;
- 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
- 8 Love never fails.

Conclusion:

If you had to rate your love for your wife on a scale of 1-10, where would you be?
Where would your wife put you?

Husband:

What is your attitude toward your wife?

When you say to your wife, "I love you;" What do you mean?

What is your attitude?

Are you a happy hubby?

You can be...