

SEVEN BIBLICAL INSIGHTS FOR HEALTHY, JOYFUL,  
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MARRIAGES**



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Questions to Apply Them*

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## Introduction

Thank you for reading *Seven Biblical Insights for Healthy, Joyful, Christ-Centered Marriages*. The material came from my book, *Marriage God's Way*, and the accompanying workbook. I published both from sermons I labored over twenty-to-thirty hours per week. My heart is in these books, and my frequent prayer has been that they exalt Christ and strengthen marriages. If I can pray for you in any way, please don't hesitate to contact me. My contact info is at the end.

Each insight is followed by discussion questions you should answer with your spouse (or boyfriend, girlfriend, or fiancé). These questions will help you receive the most benefit from the biblical insights. Here are some tips to help you get the most from your discussion times.

### Focus on the Way Your Spouse Feels

Many questions contain the word “feels.” This is because:

- It is not a question of whether a husband *thinks* he loves his wife. It is a question of whether his wife *feels* loved.
- It is not a question of whether a wife *thinks* she respects her husband. It is a question of whether her husband *feels* respected.

Focus on the way your spouse feels. Then, make the appropriate changes to help your spouse feel differently. The poor alternative is trying to talk your husband or wife out of feeling the way he or she feels.

Similarly, if your spouse is hurt by something you have done, do not try to make him or her feel wrong. When hearing your spouse's thoughts, commit to not interrupting or arguing. If you understand how your spouse feels, then you will learn to treat him or her the way he or she wants to be treated.

### Crucify Your Flesh and Apologize the Right Way

As you and your spouse answer the discussion questions, you are going to hear answers that reveal your weaknesses, hurts you have caused, and ways you have failed. Your flesh will flare up and threaten the work God wants to do in your marriage. You must crucify your flesh!

- Romans 8:13—For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you *crucify the flesh*, you will live.
- Galatians 5:24—And those who are Christ's have *crucified the flesh* with its passions and desires.

Stay on guard against your sinful nature tempting you to get angry. Do not let pride have victories in your marriage!

### Apologize the Right Way

Some people—whether intentionally or unintentionally—act like they are apologizing, but their “apologies” are simply ways of making excuses and shifting blame. This only serves to increase frustration and hurt. Sincere apologies have the opposite effect—they diffuse aggression and prevent bitterness. Proverbs 15:1a says, “A

soft answer turns away wrath” and there are not many softer answers than apologies made the right way. To do this, make sure you avoid two words:

1. Avoid the word “but.” When an “apology” contains this word, it is an excuse disguised as a confession:
  - “I’m sorry, BUT if they hadn’t done that...”
  - “I am sorry, BUT this happened...”
  - “I’m sorry, BUT I never would’ve done this if not for...”
2. Avoid the word “you.” When an “apology” contains this word, it is a manipulative way for people to shift blame, and make the other person feel bad about being hurt or upset:
  - “I’m sorry YOU did this...”
  - “Well, I’m sorry YOU are mad...”
  - “I’m sorry YOU are offended...”

Instead, apologize the right way. This involves two steps:

1. First, say: “I am sorry for . . .” or “I am sorry I . . .” followed by the offense you committed.
2. Then, say: “Will you please forgive me?”

The second step is important because it:

- Shows you recognize you have done something requiring forgiveness
- Shows you are not minimizing your actions
- Engages the other person and requires a response

Finally, if your spouse asks for forgiveness and you say, “I forgive you,” you are obligated to do your best to forgive the way God forgives. God does not forget our sins, but He does choose not to remember them:

- Isaiah 43:25b—I will not remember your sins.
- Jeremiah 31:34b—I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.
- Hebrews 8:12 and 10:17—Their sins and lawless deeds I will remember no more.

When you say, “I forgive you,” you are committing to do your best to:

- Not remember your spouse’s sin
- Not hold the sin against your spouse
- Refuse to bring up the sin in the future

Now let’s get on to the insights!

## **Insight One for Husbands: *You Get the Wife You Prepare for Yourself***

*Ephesians 5:27—[Christ] might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 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.*

There is a tremendous truth contained in these words. Christ does what He does—sanctifying and cleansing the church—so that He can obtain for Himself the glorious church, or bride, that has no “spot or wrinkle but is holy and without blemish.” The simplest way to sum it up: ***Christ gets the church He prepares for Himself.***

Since this is a picture for husbands and wives, what else is implied by this truth? Just as Jesus gets the church He prepares for Himself, husbands generally get the wives they prepare for themselves. **Wives respond well to love, holiness, and obedience to God’s Word. When husbands treat their wives forgivingly, lovingly, and tenderly, they will generally receive more forgiving, loving, and tender wives.** When husbands treat their wives unforgivingly, unlovingly, and harshly, they generally find themselves with wives who are less forgiving, loving, and tender. It is a simple equation—if a husband is a spiritual leader who helps his wife with her sanctification and spiritual cleansing, he is going to get a sanctified and cleansed wife.

Aside from the fact that God commands it, one great reason for a husband to take his wife to church, read the Word with her, pray with her, and help her grow spiritually is that he will receive a spiritually mature wife. What kind of qualities will be produced as a result? Galatians 5:22–23 record: “the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.”

Conversely, husbands who do not lead their wives spiritually will get wives who are less spiritual. What is the opposite of spiritual? Fleshly. Galatians 5:19–22 list the “works of the flesh” and here are just a few: hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, envy, even adultery.

Tragically, I have listened to some husbands talk terribly about their wives when in fact they have simply received the wives they have prepared for themselves. **How many wives might be more spiritually mature if their husbands were praying for them, as well as praying and reading the Bible with them?**

Galatians 6:7 tells us: “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.” Husbands generally reap what they sow in marriage. If husbands will invest in their wives by sowing seeds of love and interest, if they will plant spiritual seeds of sanctification, they will reap what they have sown.

## **Discussion Questions—Answer Separately and Then Discuss Together**

1. Husband: What are you “reaping” from the way you have prepared your wife for yourself?
2. Husband: How can you transition into more of a spiritual leader to your wife?
3. Wife: What is your husband “reaping” from the way he has prepared you for himself?
4. Wife: In your marriage, do you see more evidence of the “fruit of the Spirit” or the “works of the flesh”?

## **Insight Two for Wives: *Be Your Husband's Helper...Because He Needs Help!***

*Genesis 2:18—And the Lord God said,  
“It is not good that man should be alone;  
I will make him a helper comparable to him.”*

For six straight days, God created dry land, sun, moon, stars, sea creatures, birds, and animals. At the end of each day, “God saw that it was good” (Genesis 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25). But for the first time in the creation account, early on the sixth day, Genesis 2:18 says God saw something that was not good—man being alone!

This becomes even more interesting when we consider that Adam had not yet disobeyed. We do not typically think of anything being “not good” until after the fall. Since Adam had not sinned yet, it was not Adam himself who was not good. Neither was it anything he had or had not done that was not good. It was simply Adam being without a wife.

Genesis 1:31 says, “Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.” What had changed over the course of the sixth day to go from “not good” to “very good”? God created a woman! The addition of a woman can transform something “not good” into “very good.”

When a husband thinks about his wife, he should see her as someone who takes him from “not good” to “very good.” And when a wife thinks about her husband, she should think about helping him move from “not good” to “very good.” She should be giving him the help he needs and, most importantly, the help God wants him to have.

Some women might find it offensive to be identified as their husband’s “helper,” but **the title is not a criticism of Eve’s insufficiency. It is an identification of Adam’s inadequacy!** Woman is the helper man needs because he is not sufficient without her! God created woman, because man needs help!

*Ezer* is the Hebrew word for “helper,” and it is never used in Scripture for something negative, such as a sycophant, minion, or slave. Instead, it is used to describe great strength and support. Consider these verses:

- Deuteronomy 33:29—Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD, the shield of your help (*ezer*) and the sword of your majesty!
- Ezekiel 12:14—I will scatter to every wind all who are around him to help (*ezer*) him, and all his troops.

Considering this context, identifying woman as her husband’s *ezer* reveals her as a powerful and influential companion.

## **Discussion Questions—Answer Separately and Then Discuss Together**

1. Husband: Consider your weaknesses and list three ways you could benefit from your wife's help.
2. Husband: If your wife is going to help you, she needs you to communicate with her. List three ways you can be a better communicator.
3. Wife: List three ways your God-given strengths can complement your husband's needs and/or weaknesses.
4. Wife: List three ways you would like your husband to communicate better with you.

## **Insight Three for Husbands: *Make Your Wife Supreme***

*Ephesians 5:31—For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife.*

This is a profound command that should deeply challenge husbands, because it communicates a truth about the wife's importance in a man's life. Even though a man's father and mother have been the most important earthly relationships in his life up to his wedding day, a husband is commanded to "leave" them to be joined to his new bride. **If a husband is to leave his parents for the sake of his wife, there is nothing he should not be willing to forsake for her.**

Second to a husband's relationship with Christ, his wife must be the supreme relationship in his life. A wife should never feel threatened by anyone or anything. A husband should have no earthly relationship that is more important than his relationship with his bride.

Regarding a wife's supremacy, if she feels like second place, she is second place. Note the emphasis here is how a wife *feels*. A husband might insist: "My wife is the supreme relationship in my life. She is more important than anything else." But the wife might not feel that way. A wife's perception is her reality. It is not about what the husband says or even thinks but about what the wife feels.

When wives feel like second place, it is not usually because of another woman. More often women feel like second place to some activity or hobby that takes priority in their husbands' lives. It could be sports, television, cars, poker night, alcohol, friends, work, video games, and the list goes on.

What is the solution when a wife feels like second place? **The solution is for the husband to remove the threat from his life completely. Put his wife in her rightful place.** Make her the supreme relationship in his life. Jesus put it this way: "If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you... And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you" (Matthew 5:29–30, 18:8–9). We must be ruthless with sin. If something in a husband's life is making his wife feel as though she is second place, then it is sin and he must take immediate action to remove it.

What is the reward when a husband obeys God's command to make his wife his greatest priority, second only to God Himself? The husband will enjoy the blessing of a prosperous and harmonious marriage and a happy and contented wife. He will enjoy having his wife's respect. A husband can enjoy a wife who has witnessed his sacrifice and can appreciate what he was willing to do for her and his family.

## Discussion Questions—Answer Separately and Then Discuss Together

1. Husband: Second only to Christ, is your wife the supreme relationship in your life? Why or why not?
2. Husband: Do you need to remove anything from your life so your wife does not feel like second place? If the answer is yes, explain the actions you will take to help her feel like she is your greatest priority after God.
3. Wife: Does anything need to be removed from your husband's life so you don't feel like second place? If the answer is yes, explain the actions you would like him to take so you can feel differently.
4. Wife: How has your husband committed to making changes to please you? Discuss what you will do to communicate your appreciation for the sacrifice(s) he's making.

## **Insight Four for Wives: *Your Husband Craves Your Respect More Than Your Love***

*Ephesians 5:33—Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.*

Ephesians 5:25–32 describes what it means for a husband to love his wife as himself. One might then expect the passage to end with similar instructions to the wife: “Let each one of you in particular *love his own wife* as himself, and let the wife *love her own husband* as herself.” Instead, Paul commands wives to respect their husbands.

This is not to say that men do not want to be loved. Titus 2:3–4 commands “Older women [to] admonish the young women to *love their husbands*.” I am also not saying that wives do not want to be respected. First Peter 3:7 says, “Husbands, likewise, dwell with [your wives] with understanding, giving honor to [them].” Honor is synonymous with respect. Thus, it is important for wives to be respected, and it is important for husbands to be loved. But of the two—love and respect—respect is more important to husbands, and love is more important to wives:

- Husbands want to be loved, but they want to be respected even more.
- Wives want to be respected, but they want to be loved even more.

Consider how most wives covet their husbands’ expressions of love, such as cards, phone calls, e-mails, or flowers. Though husbands might appreciate such gestures, what they desire more is their wives’ respect. I do not need my wife to buy me flowers, call me during the day and tell me she loves me, or write me poetry. I might appreciate these things, but what I need is her respect.

In marriage counseling, when I hear wives expressing their frustrations about their husbands, it typically sounds like this: “I don’t feel that my husband loves me. I wish my husband loved me more. He never tells me he loves me.” **But when husbands express frustration, it more often sounds like this: “I wish my wife respected me more. I wish my wife followed my lead. I wish my wife supported my decisions.”**

In truth, it is much easier for a wife to say she loves her husband than to show it through respect. But it is through respect that a wife expresses her love for her husband. If a wife does not show respect, her husband will not feel loved. A good perspective for couples to keep in mind is that feeling unloved is as painful to a wife as feeling disrespected is to a husband.



## **Insight Five for Husbands and Wives:** ***Your Marriage Is a Reflection of Your Relationship with Christ***

*Ephesians 5:22, 25—Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord...  
Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her.*

Since the Lord gave us the above commands, our obedience to them reflects our relationship with Christ. **“I can please the Lord even though I am a poor spouse,” is a lie.** The reason we can’t please the Lord while failing as a husband or wife is that our Christianity is directly related to the way we treat our spouses. Our marriages are outpourings of our relationships with Christ. Since our relationships with our spouses are our most important earthly relationship, what we are as spouses is a reflection of what we are as Christians. There is no such thing as a spiritually mature man who does not love his wife nor a spiritually mature woman who does not submit to her husband:

- A husband cannot love Christ without loving his wife.
- A wife cannot submit to Christ without submitting to her husband.

A husband is to love and cherish his wife not because she is perfect, or because she treats him the way he wants to be treated. A husband loves and cherishes his wife because he loves Christ. Likewise, a wife submits to her husband not because he is a wonderful spiritual leader, or because he loves her the way she wants to be loved. A wife submits to her husband because she wants to submit to Christ.

A husband’s love and a wife’s submission is not a test of their obedience to their spouses. It is a test of their obedience to the Lord. This might sound discouraging, but it should be encouraging. When a husband knows his love and a wife knows her submission is an act of obedience to Christ, it can be that much easier. There will be times when a husband does not want to love his wife and a wife does not want to submit to her husband. In those moments husbands and wives can tell themselves: “I am doing this out of my love for Christ. I am submitting to the Lord, because of what He has done for me.”

I would never try to convince a husband that his wife is worthy of his love, or try to convince a wife that her husband is worthy of her submission. The fact is, their spouses are not. But Christ is worthy of a husband’s love and a wife’s submission. It is important to understand this principle because it gives husbands and wives the necessary motivation to obey.

## Discussion Questions—Answer Separately and Then Discuss Together

1. Consider your relationship with your spouse is a reflection of your relationship with Christ. What three adjectives would you use to describe your marriage? Are these the same adjectives you want to describe your relationship with Christ? If not, what changes do you need to make?
2. What are common excuses people give for not obeying the two primary marriage commands (Ephesians 5:22 & 25)? Which of these excuses do you tend to use?
3. Husband: Do you see your love for your wife as a reflection of your love for Christ? Why or why not?
4. Wife: Do you see your submission to your husband as a reflection of your submission to Christ? Why or why not?

## **Insight Six for Husbands and Wives: *Keep the Marriage in the Marriage***

*Ephesians 5:31—For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife.*

When some people are having marriage problems they act like they're seeking godly counsel, when in fact they are only looking for the opportunity to gossip about their spouse. People committing this sin say, "I am having problems in my marriage and would like some advice." They then proceed to list everything bad their spouses have ever done without actually receiving counsel. Nor do they take any responsibility themselves. They never say: "Please tell me what I did wrong. What do you think I should have done differently? How could I be a better spouse?" **These people are not looking for godly advice. They want to complain and slander.**

The obvious reason we are tempted to do this is we expect those close to us to side with us. Some wives turn to their girlfriends. Some husbands talk to their guy friends. While parents are specifically mentioned in the above verse, a more encompassing principle is that if we should not complain to our parents about our spouses, we should not complain to anyone else either.

The dangers should be obvious. Pouring out our anger is simply going to stoke it. This will make us feel justified in responding poorly to our spouse, as well as feed our belief that we deserve better treatment than we are receiving. **It will make an already strained relationship worse.**

The other mistake couples make is denying they are having problems. They keep their struggles a secret. As a result, they do not get help and their marriage worsens. This is one time the marriage should not stay in the marriage.

If you want counsel, do not seek out ungodly, immature friends who are more concerned about maintaining your friendship than helping your marriage. Many of these "friends" will poison a husband or wife against the spouse—and in doing so they are sinning against God. Typical responses from such people sound like:

- "I can't believe your wife did that. You should be mad! You don't have to put up with that."
- "Your husband doesn't know what he has in you. You deserve so much better than him."

Instead of speaking to people who will provide counsel such as this, be willing to receive criticism and hear what you need to change. Seek out godly friends who love you and care about your marriage. Desire counsel that might sound like this:

- "Scripture commands you to love your wife. Ask for forgiveness for the way you acted."
- "God says you should respect your husband. Stop talking to him like he is a child."

If you take the marriage outside the marriage, seek out people who will offer hard truths such as these.

## Discussion Questions—Answer Separately and Then Discuss Together

1. Which of the two common mistakes do you see yourself and your spouse making, and what can be done about it?
2. Have others come to you with their marriage problems, and it's obvious they only wanted to vent their frustrations? If so, what can you do about it now?
3. Are there friends or relatives you are tempted to run to when upset with your spouse, because you know they will side with you? If so, provide the names below, and commit to your spouse not to go to these people when experiencing marriage problems.
4. List three godly friends you can go to for counsel when you're having marriage problems:

## **Insight Seven for Husbands and Wives: *Your Body Belongs to Your Spouse***

*1 Corinthians 7:4—The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does.  
And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.*

**Just as the devil has been successful in encouraging intimacy outside of marriage, I have discovered in years of marriage counseling that he has been equally successful in discouraging intimacy within marriage.** I once counseled a man in his fifties who was addicted to pornography. His actions were sinful, but after months of counseling it became apparent that one reason for his addiction was a wrong view of intimacy. His mother had convinced him at a young age that sex was filthy, and he had never been able to rid himself of that belief. He told me: “I look at porn, because at least then I am not involving my wife in a dirty activity.”

This man is far from the only person I have met who believes that sex in marriage is somehow immoral. Scripture disagrees! In Hebrews 13:4 the words “the bed” are a euphemism for sexual activity, and within marriage God calls it “undefiled” or pure. God wants us to know there is absolutely nothing sinful or immoral about sexual activity between a husband and wife. Instead, He wants it to be a joy, blessing, and gift.

In the Song of Solomon the couple consummate their relationship in Chapter 4, and it is followed by God’s approval in 5:1: “Eat, O friends! Drink, yes, drink deeply, O beloved ones!” This invitation is meant to encourage husbands and wives in their sexual activity. Not only should intimacy in marriage *not* be thought of as neutral, amoral, or non-spiritual, it should be thought of as good, spiritual, and blessed by God.

Ephesians 5:23 and 1 Corinthians 11:3 discuss a husband’s authority in the marriage relationship, so it is significant to see that in the above verse, 1 Corinthians 7:4, husbands and wives have equal authority over their spouses’ bodies. This makes sense because when it comes to intimacy, our goal should be to please our spouses willingly. We should count our bodies not as our own but as belonging to our spouses. Two points regarding this truth:

1. Since your body belongs to your spouse, whatever you do with your body should have the approval of your spouse. For example, if a man wants to have a beard, he should take into consideration whether or not his wife wants him to have one. If a woman wants to wear her hair a certain way, she should take into consideration her husband’s thoughts.
2. This is a good reason to take care of yourself. You have to keep in mind that your spouse will enjoy your body for the rest of his or her life. You should make reasonable efforts to stay healthy so you can be a blessing to your spouse, be around for a long number of years, and be available to take care of your spouse if he or she becomes sick.

## **Discussion Questions—Answer Separately and Then Discuss Together**

1. Are you content with the sexual intimacy in your marriage? Why or why not?
2. What are you currently doing to cultivate intimacy in your marriage?
3. Do you feel like your spouse withholds sexual intimacy from you? Explain your answer.
4. Considering your body belongs to your spouse, list three choices you can make that will bless your spouse.

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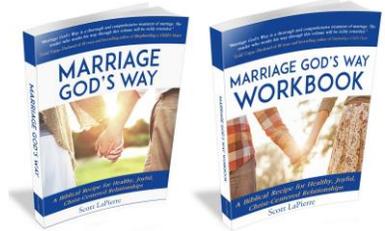
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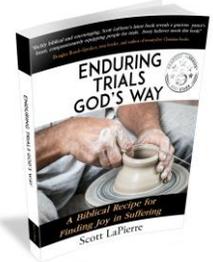
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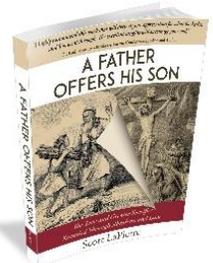
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Trials are part of life on this side of heaven, and God wants to use them for your good! Learn scriptural principles that give you the encouragement you need when suffering. Every chapter concludes with questions that help you apply what you are reading.

- Develop the spiritual perspective to embrace trials
- Appreciate the maturity trials produce
- Understand the rewards for enduring trials
- Recognize God is still compassionate and gracious during trials

## **A Father Offers His Son: The True and Greater Sacrifice Revealed Through Abraham and Isaac**



Have you ever wondered why God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son in Genesis 22? The Angel stopped Abraham showing God did not intend for him to kill Isaac, but what did God desire? God wanted to test Abraham, and readers will discover the account primarily reveals:

- In human terms what God would do with His Son two thousand years later
- The many ways Abraham and Isaac are a picture of God and His Son
- The tremendous love of God shown through Christ's sacrifice

Genesis 22 is not primarily about Abraham and Isaac. God and Jesus are the true and greater Father and Son shining forth in the account. Abraham did not spare his son but was willing to deliver him up for God. Likewise, God “did not spare His Son, but delivered Him up for us all” (Romans 8:32).

Learn the remarkable parallels between God and Abraham, and Jesus and Isaac. With thought-provoking questions at the end of each chapter, the book is perfect for personal use or small groups.