

## MP IV Husband Love Your Wife

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*“Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered” (1 Peter 3:7).*

Throughout my days I have seen multiple marriages crumble and many families torn apart. It seems like people are so eager to get divorced these days for any little reason, and at the same time, are so eager to get married without truly knowing the person that they will be exchanging the wedding vows with. To their surprise, the person that they married turns out to be someone totally different than whom they fell in love with. And that is when the heartaches begin, and for some, all over again.

For those of you that are experiencing major problems in your marriage let me tell you that, you really don't have too. People are too quick to blame the other but overlook their own faults, and that is where many of the problems arise. Have you ever thought that the reason that you might be having problems in your marriage or even facing divorce is because of “you?” You could be the one at fault and perhaps you don't even realize it, and if you did, you don't want to admit it or even change your ways.

In the beginning of this series I wrote that as long as “you” observe your principle, and as long as “you” want the marriage to work, then most likely your marriage will work. Romans 12:18 says that, “***If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.***” This verse should also be applied to your marriage as well.

The principle that husbands must observe is their own, not their wife's. That means that you must give it your all in loving her as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it. Also, don't try to change your wife into what you want her to become because she will not. By doing that all you are doing is asking for trouble, and unfortunately many husbands get it.

Remember the day when you fell in love with your wife? Remember why you fell in love with her? Also, do you remember how you treated her, how you cared for her, how “you” did things you normally would not and all in order to be with her or get her attention? Well, what happened? Is she still the love of your life? Is she special?

The way you treat your wife will show your love for her. Why do you have to insult her? Who says that you have to mistreat her? Why do you have to slap her around? Is there such a book that says that when your wife does something wrong that you have to verbally or physically abuse her, and in front of people? If there is I don't know about it. But I can tell you of a book that teaches you how to treat her. That book is the Bible.

Colossians 3:12-16 says, “*Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one*

*another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”*

Husbands, you don't have to live and act the way society tells to you to act. You don't have to be the “macho man”, the “ruler of the house,” “the boss man” in order to have a successful marriage. Those things are usually based on man's pride. And those things are usually the things that cause divorce. The more effective way that you can rule your house well is by loving your wife the way you should, through actions, not just words. If there is something that your wife should complaint about, don't let it be how mean you have been to her, but how much you love her.