

“Hope Deferred in Marriage”

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Part 1What are the needs of Wives? Genesis 2:18-25; 1 Peter 3:1-7

What goes wrong in marriage?

- After the wedding bells, the celebration,
- The decision to be one.
- But then life goes on,
- Kids come along,
- Careers get complicated,
- Ministry is important,
- All this good comes along...
- Where a husband/wife can experience hope deferred

Leaving 2 people with the heart sickness of Hope Deferred.

- How does that love get lost?
- How did we get here?
- Some times marriages are disappointing, unfulfilling, and are not what either person was expecting,
- To the point they are just surviving, sticking around, saying things like: “it’s just the way marriage is...”
- And now there is an all-out attack on marriage...

There can be Hope Deferred in marriage.

- But it should not be...
- Does not have to be...
- In our text Genesis 2, we have what GOD DESIGNED for marriage:
- God created everything and called it all good!
- He created man and put him in a beautiful garden,
- All was good except man was alone.
- So He made for man [Hebrew:]“ish” a woman “isha”

- I. Affection
- II. Conversation (1 Peter 3:1-7)
 - A. Men and women are different
 - B. Why is conversation so important?
- III. Openness and Honesty
- IV. Financial Security
- V. Family Commitment

CONCLUSION:

- When all these are shown –
 - *Affection, Conversation, Openness & Honesty, Financial Security, Family Commitment*
- They all add up to **SUPPORT!**
- And note, the text says, “wives, be submissive...”
- A husband that is meeting his wife’s needs...
- That wife will want to submit, it’s easy for her...it’s her God-given role.
- *Husbands*, are you willing to submit to God and do right?

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Part 2 What are the needs of Husbands? Titus 2:1-5

What is the Biblical role of a wife?

Some indications are here in our text (v.5)

- “to be discreet” – sensible, self-controlled
- “chaste,” pure
- “keepers at home” busy at home, workers at home
- “good” kind
- “obedient” to be in subject to husband

The text teaches:

- The role of older women (vs.3-4)
- The role of a wife, mother and manager of the home.

- I. Physical intimacy
- II. Recreational companionship
- III. He needs to be cared for
- IV. He needs your approval
- V. An attractive spouse

CONCLUSION:

- Husbands/Wives let’s not get heartsick because of hope deferred.
- Let’s meet each other’s needs –
- **And I guarantee**, your marriage will be like never before. It will sizzle once again!!
- Do you really want a marriage/home that is pleasing to God and one that God intended?
- Put the Lord 1st and say I’m going to be obedient...

Proverbs 13:12

“Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.”