

## BEING THE HUSBAND GOD CALLED YOU TO BE HUSANDRY 101

	Applies to Me			IDEA/SUGGESTON TO CONSIDER
	Yes	No	Maybe	
				Single men: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep everything buttoned up and zipped up.</li> <li>• Never 4 on the floor.</li> <li>• Remember the song “You can’t touch this”.</li> <li>• Hands off until marriage, then make up for lost time</li> <li>• Be “old fashioned” – don’t move in before marriage</li> </ul>
1				Provide for her <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Get Out/Stay of Debt</li> <li>- Live inside God’s provision</li> <li>- Not a question of income, a question of lifestyle</li> <li>- There is no shortage of money. There is an excess of spending.</li> <li>- Use debt only for things that appreciate.</li> <li>- Possessions possess you. They require care and feeding.</li> <li>- Live with Margin in finances.</li> </ul>
2				Protect her – be her Point Man <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Always alert with keen senses to detect danger.</li> <li>- Provide Physical Security – Example: storm door.</li> <li>- Escort her if out after dark. (danger increases)</li> <li>- Defend her Reputation. From men (women) who want to make fun of her, put her down. Don’t tolerate it. Defend her. Not like her.</li> <li>- Defend her from crude jokes, language, TV), moves. Things that make her blush.</li> <li>- Permission to be co-pilot when driving (Driving from passenger seat).</li> <li>- Protect her from being alone with men. Workmen in your home. Be there. This is a gift to her.</li> <li>- Every woman wants to feel that she is worth fighting for.</li> <li>- We want to be the knight in shining armor, but we don’t want to bleed.</li> </ul>
3				Serve her. Be a servant leader. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I know you would die for your wife to protect her, but would you take out the garbage? Are you willing to clean the commodes?</li> <li>- Gas tank, Clean car, Run errands, Clean up the dishes, Vacuum</li> <li>- The Ultimate Test - Trash can – empty and clean</li> </ul>
4				Cherish her. (instead of being treacherous) (Malachi 2:12-14) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What is treacherous – unfaithful, harsh, demeaning, withholding love, keeping records, being indifferent, not leading, not protecting (physical and emotional), not providing.</li> <li>- The opposite of “treacherous” is “cherish”. A special depth of love, a respect, a tenderness, and a wholesome passion.</li> </ul>

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Precious with a weaker vessel (like fine china)</li> <li>- She wants to be more than noticed – she wants to be wanted. She wants to be pursued.</li> <li>- Look up the song “Cherish”.</li> </ul>
5				<p>Excel at romance – Wow her again</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Being unromantic is nothing more than laziness of the heart.</li> <li>- The HUNT may be over – but, the pursuit continues –the pursuit, not to win her heart but to gladden her heart. Now it is time to deliver the goods, the goods promised. What you advertised.</li> <li>- If you don’t pay attention to your wife, someone else will.</li> <li>- Pamper her, spoil her, make her your Sweetheart. (Best seat for watching TV, in a restaurant. Notes left on her car. Homemade cards. Wild flowers from the side of the road.) Take her breath away.</li> <li>- Laid back won’t cut it when romancing your wife.</li> </ul>
6				<p>Keep “first love” alive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Remember when you would do anything just to get a glance from her.</li> <li>- Drive all night just to be with her.</li> <li>- Write loooon love letters.</li> </ul>
7				<p>Be captivated by her:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do you see me? Asks the heart of every girl. Are you captivated by what you see?</li> <li>- Study her. Start a journal about her. Her interest, likes, dislikes, favorites (foods, songs, etc.) Get to know her friends.</li> </ul>
8				<p>Love her unconditionally</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not depending on what she does.</li> </ul>
9				<p>Be “intimate” with her</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- When a husband shares with his wife – his time, thoughts, dreams and visions – and he cares enough to want to share her joys, sorrows, daily frustrations and victories , then, she TURLY FEELS loved.</li> <li>- Do you know how to romance your wife to the point she is fully satisfied, mellow and blissful? If not, find out how.</li> <li>- Do you know how to take her breath away?</li> <li>- Instead of a movie (where you can’t talk) consider a coffee shop or a walk on the greenway.</li> <li>- Put together a playlist of love songs and sit by the fireplace on a quilt.</li> <li>- Remember she comes first. If your wife is fully satisfied and happy --- you soon will be.</li> <li>- Do you know how to run your fingers over her soul?</li> </ul>
10				<p>Stay off the ends of the Distant/Dominant Scale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There are two ways a man can be “treacherous” with his wife. 1) Distant – not really caring about her, her feelings, or her interest. 2) Dominant – aggressive about always having things his own way.</li> <li>- A violent man destroys with his words. A silent man starves his wife. If your wife is wilting, you are withholding something. Words, touch.</li> </ul>

11			Stay out of your cave. - Things don't really get better when you are in there.
12			Lead by being First in Reconciliation
13			Be a good Samaritan to her
14			Play Catchball with her. - When she talks she expects a response. Important skill. - Listen by responding: o Lily said ..... She sure can talk o Sue's mother ..... When did that happen o Everybody ..... Yes they do
15			Don't use your Work Voice at home - Careful what we say to wives. Words are powerful. - Count down before you blast off. - Yelling is a sign of poor communication skills.
16			Share with her these gifts - Your whereabouts - Your plans - Your thoughts
17			Pray with her - Walk and pray. - Drive and pray. - Go to the coffee shop and pray. - Take turns being "your night" - Make prayer such an integral part of your relationship that sometimes you have to ask the question – "Are you talking to me or to God?"
18			Say - Help me understand. - What would you do in this situation? - The terrifying question any man every asks his wife - "What's wrong?".
19			Be accountable to other men. - Surround yourself with men moving in the right direction. - Our friends will always influence and sometimes determine the direction and quality of our lives.
20			Brag on her - Romance your wife in public by bragging on her; complement her; praise her. Especially in front of her family. (No put downs - Be SSIP (no flattery) - Use positive gossip - Never put her down behind her back. ("You think that's something, let me tell you what 'my' wife.") - TTB (Think the Best)
21			Be a One-Woman Kind of Man - Not giving or receiving special attention to another woman. - Guard your eyes, ears, thoughts and attention. - Careful about compliments.
22			Be encouraging, not critical

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- You are not her Holy Spirit, not her referee. Get rid of your whistle.</li> <li>- Two obligations – notice what she does and say thank you.</li> </ul>
23			<p>Be polite, courteous and use good manners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- (You know what I mean)</li> </ul>
24			<p>Live with her with Understanding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- You don't have to understand "why" she thinks the way she does, just "that" she thinks the way she does</li> <li>- Importance of pillows (on the bed, on the couch)</li> <li>- Re-decorating --- not because it doesn't "work" anymore, but because it looks so 90"</li> <li>- Pretty food. Makes you hungry.</li> <li>- Presidential clean</li> </ul>
25			<p>Don't be a pervert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Perversion is when a man pursues a woman, not to offer his strength, but to drink from her beauty. Offers nothing, takes everything.</li> </ul>
26			<p>Listen with your eyes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- You can't really watch the game on TV and listen to her at the same time.</li> <li>- Use touch as a signal to listen up. If touched, you are accountable.</li> </ul>
27			<p>Have a bias for "no" when it comes to travel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Like a bird away from the nest is a man away from his home. The nest is in danger and the bird is in danger. (Proverbs 27:8)</li> <li>- Have a bias for less travel in choosing a job and taking assignments.</li> </ul>
28			<p>Touch her</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- When she walks by.</li> <li>- Rub her shoulders.</li> <li>- Every woman wants a man who will open the door for her and pat her on the bottom when she walks through.</li> <li>- How many times a day do you touch?</li> <li>- Dance her around the room.</li> </ul>
29			<p>Don't entertain the thought of divorce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- You are in an unbreakable three-way covenant with your wife and God.</li> <li>- A divorce is never "final".</li> </ul>
30			<p><b>You can tell the value of a husband's life by the look in his wife's face." (Coach Bill McCartney) If you look in your wife's face and see pain, hurt, sadness, anxiety, distress, cares, defeat – your life has been a failure. If you look and see happiness, contentment, joy, peace, security – your life is a success.</b></p>