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Title: How to Love—Openness

She Wants You to Open Up to Her

EPHESIANS 5:33

Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

Introduction: _____

1. The _____ of Openness

EXPRESSIVE-RESPONSIVE vs. COMPARTMENTALIZED

1 SAMUEL 25:17

Now therefore know and consider what thou wilt do; for evil is determined against our master, and against all his household: for he is such a son of Belial, that a man cannot speak to him.



SONG OF SOLOMON 5:2

I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night.

SONG OF SOLOMON 2:10

My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.

PROVERBS 31:11

The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

PROVERBS 31:12

She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

2. The _____ with Openness

COLOSSIANS 3:19

Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.

DEFINITION: The concept conveyed in the Greek is the idea of a bitter taste in the mouth. To be *bitter* means that you are upset and irritated, exasperated, indignant, and angry.

JOHN 14:26

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

MALACHI 2:15

And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.

3. The _____ of Openness

Your Wife Feels You Are Open To Her When:

- You share your feelings, telling about your day and difficulties.
- You say, "Let's talk," ask her what she's feeling, and ask for her opinions.
- Your face shows you want to talk—relaxed body language, good eye contact.
- You take her for a walk to talk and reminisce about how you met or perhaps you talk about the kids and problems she may be having with them.
- You pray with her.
- You give her your full attention...no grunting responses while trying to watch TV, read the newspaper, or write e-mails.
- You discuss financial concerns, possible job changes, or ideas for your future.

—From Love & Respect by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs