

PROVERBS 3:7

Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.

Your Husband Will Feel You Appreciate His Insight and Counsel When:

- You tell him upfront you just need his ear; don't complain to him later that he always tries to "fix" you.
- You thank him for his advice without acting insulted or like he doesn't care about your feelings.
- You recognize his problem-solving approach as his male brand of empathy.
- You realize your vulnerabilities, especially among males, and value his protection.
- You counsel him respectfully when you differ with his ideas (you can be right but wrong at the top of your voice.)
- You sometimes let him "fix things" and applaud his solutions.
- You let him know that you believe God has made us male and female for a purpose and that we need each other.
- You admit that you can sin and thank him for his perception and godly counsel.

—From *Love & Respect* by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs

Conclusion: _____

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Title: How To Reverence

By Appreciating His Desire to Analyze and Counsel

GENESIS 3:1-6

Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Introduction: _____

1. Beliefs that Have Been _____

A. The vast majority of _____ are opinionated, one-sided, and inattentive.

B. The exclusive and unique _____ of womanly intuition.

GENESIS 2:17

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

ROMANS 5:12

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.

1 TIMOTHY 2:14

And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

GENESIS 3:17

And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life.

2. Biblical Balance Is _____

For wives who are willing to evaluate just where they are on the scale of showing unconditional reverence, consider these two questions:

- Could you be thinking too highly of your natural discernment and intuition?
- Is it possible that you might be deceived on certain fronts, and that you could use your husband’s insight because you don’t see what he sees?

A. My husband is not spiritually _____ our family

1 PETER 3:1–2

Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

For the wife who isn’t happy with her husband’s leadership, here are some questions to ask yourself:

- Did my husband ever seek to lead in our marriage, but I differed because I felt it was stupid?
- Do I send him a message that I do not intend to follow him if he makes a decision contrary to what I believe is correct?
- Do I send a message that says, “I want you to lead but only when it bolsters and carries out my desires”?
- Do I want my husband to be responsible, but if he is irresponsible in my opinion, am I exercising veto power?
- Do my words and actions communicate, “You are responsible but I have the authority”?

B. My husband is usually the _____ for our failures

3. Behavior that Is _____

A. Guard against _____ your husband’s insight and suggestions

ISAIAH 65:5

Which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am holier than thou. These are a smoke in my nose, a fire that burneth all the day.

JOB 2:10

But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

B. Guard against being your husband’s _____

C. Guard against the attitude that he is the center of all the _____

LUKE 10:40

But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.