

- You don't correct her in front of the children.
- You don't look lustfully at other women.
- You make her and your marriage a priority.
- You are never critical of her or your children in front of others.
- You include her in social gatherings when others may leave their spouses home.
- You tell the kids, "Don't speak to your mother that way!"
- You call and let her know your plans.
- You keep commitments.
- You speak positively of her and the children at all times.

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

Conclusion: _____

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Title: How To Love

Loyalty, She Needs to Know You're Committed

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.

SONG OF SOLOMON 2:10

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

Introduction: _____

1. Eliminate _____

A. With our _____

JOB 31:1-3

¹ *I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?*

² *For what portion of God is there from above? and what inheritance of the Almighty from on high? ³ Is not destruction to the wicked? and a strange punishment to the workers of iniquity?*

MATTHEW 5:28

But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.



Pornography is rampant largely because it is:

- Accessible
- Affordable
- Anonymous

PROVERBS 5:15

Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well.

B. With Our _____

MATTHEW 12:34

O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

HEBREWS 13:4

Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

C. With Our _____

SONG OF SOLOMON 8:6

Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame.

“A wedding ring is a sign of loyalty. No husband should leave home without one.”—Emerson Eggerichs

2. Elevate _____

MALACHI 2:14-16

¹⁴ Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant. 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.

¹⁶ For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for one covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

Divorce Statistics for America Today:

- The divorce rate in America is 50% percent of first marriages, 67% of second marriages, and 74% of third marriages.
- Nearly 10% of coupled households consist of unmarried heterosexual partners.
- Only 63% of American children grow up with both biological parents—the lowest figure in the Western world.
- 44% of custodial mothers and 57% of custodial fathers were either separated or divorced.
- Nearly 8 million Americans paid approximately \$40 billion in child and/or spousal support (84% of the payers were male).

“We rarely find substantial differences between the moral behavior of Christians and non-Christians. We would love to be able to report that Christians are living very distinct lives and impacting the community, but...in the area of divorce rates they continue to be the same.”—George Barna Research Group

A. _____ Your Commitment

B. _____ Your Commitment

C. _____ Your Commitment

PROVERBS 20:6

Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?

She Is Assured of Your Loyalty When...

- You speak highly of her in front of others.
- You are involved in things important to her.
- You help her make decisions, such as ones regarding the children.