

Your Husband Will Feel You Value His Shoulder-to-Shoulder Friendship When:

- You tell him you love him and you show it (he knows you love him, but he often wonders if you really like him).
- You respond to his invitation to engage in recreational activities together or you come along to watch him (you don't have to go every time, but just now and then will energize him more than you realize).
- You enable him to open up and talk to you as you do things shoulder to shoulder.
- You encourage him to spend time alone, which energizes him to reconnect with you later.
- You don't denounce his shoulder-to-shoulder activities with his male friends to get him to spend more face-to-face time with you. Respect his friendships, and he will be more likely to want you to join him shoulder to shoulder at other times.

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

Conclusion: _____

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Title: How To Reverence

By Appreciating His Desire for Shoulder-to-Shoulder Friendship

SONG OF SOLOMON 5:1, 10, & 16

¹ I am come into my garden, my sister, my spouse: I have gathered my myrrh with my spice; I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk: eat, O friends; drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved. ¹⁰ My beloved is white and ruddy, the chiefest among ten thousand. ¹⁶ His mouth is most sweet: yea, he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem

Introduction: _____

1. The _____ of Shoulder-to-Shoulder

GENESIS 2:18

And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

A. The deposit of _____

B. The development of _____





QUOTE: "If you want to have a fulfilling marriage, your favorite recreational companion must be your spouse."

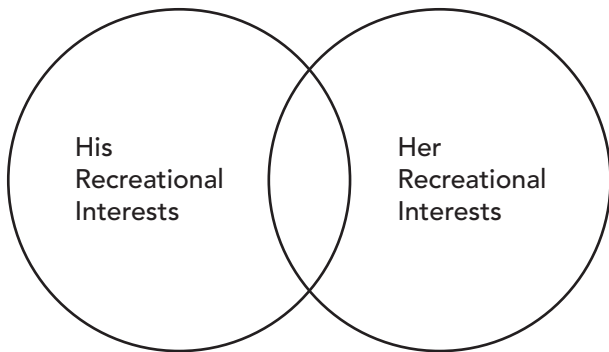
TITUS 2:3-4

³ The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; ⁴ That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children.

DEFINITION: The word translated as "love" here is the Greek word *phileo* and refers to the brotherly kind of love.

2. The _____ for Shoulder-to-Shoulder Friendship

A. _____ mutual recreational interests



B. _____ the recreational activities that you and your spouse can enjoy together

PROVERBS 2:17

Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God.

3. The _____ for Shoulder-to-Shoulder Friendship

A. It _____ the care both spouses should have for each other

PHILIPPIANS 2:4

Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

B. They _____ over time

C. It _____ deposits into each other's relational accounts.

1 PETER 3:1

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.

ECCLESIASTES 3:7

A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak.

4. The _____ from Shoulder-to-Shoulder Friendship

A. _____

B. _____ from meeting a basic need



QUOTE: "The couple that plays together stays together."