His Needs in Marriage

**The major problems in meeting each other’s needs in a marriage are:**

1. Rejection of the inherent differences between the opposite sex.
2. Translation of needs into your own language resulting in rejection.
3. Selfishness which destroys a marriage. The best marriage is two servants in love.

**His Need #1 – Honor & Respect**

“Wives, submit (accept your husband’s authority) yourselves to your husbands, as to the Lord.” – Ephesians 5:22

* Men gravitate to where they get the most honor and respect, whether it’s at home, work, or somewhere else. Men will naturally avoid disrespect.
* Wives, this is how to give your husbands honor and respect:
  + Allow him to make mistakes or fail (unless it’s self-destructive behavior).
  + Confront him in love and respect, but let God be the enforcer.
  + Honor him where you want him to be, not where he is (Proverbs 31).
  + Cover his faults and focus on his strengths. Honor and respect **always** **encourages**!!!

**His Need #2 – Sex**

* Men give affection to get sex. Women give sex to get affection.
* Wives, this is how you meet your husband’s need for sex:
  + Communicate to your husband that you accept his sexual needs and that you are committed to meeting them.
  + Men are visually and physically stimulated. Men want to see their wives’ body while most women are uncomfortable with their bodies.
  + Be more sexual than you feel. Men have the need for sex and women have the gift of sex. Your spouse’s needs won’t always match your desires.

**His Need #3 – Fun and Friendship**

* Your husband will be open with you to the extent that you are having fun together.
* Wives, this is how to establish friendship:
  + Be his friend and his wife, don’t mother him.
  + Find something in common that you both enjoy. Even if it’s not your favorite activity, do something that he enjoys.

**His Need #4 – Support at and of the Home**

* Wives, this is how to support your husband with the home:
  + Women have the gift of nesting. A man needs his wife to create and maintain an atmosphere in their home that causes him to want to be there.
  + Women need to be domestically centered and diligent including meals, housekeeping, and homemaking.
* Men need to do their equal share of the work in the home, especially if the wives need to work. A husband’s work is not done when he gets home.