

“More On How To Meet Your Mate’s Needs”

Building A Marriage That Sizzles #2

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1 Peter 4:8 (NKJV) “And above all things have fervent love for one another, for *‘love will cover a multitude of sins’*.” (Fervent- showing passionate enthusiasm; glowingly hot.)

Living successfully in marriage requires SKILL.

In our culture we typically receive very little training for marriage. Proverbs 13:20 (NKJV) “He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed.”

When my mate married me, they gave me the EXCLUSIVE RIGHT to meet some of their most important emotional needs.

In the book His Needs Her Needs by Willard F. Harley, Jr., he lists the top five emotional needs reported by men and women on average.

For Women (on average): **My husband is IRRISISTABLE to me when he builds skills in meeting these needs:**

- #1) Giving Affection- (Love environment through words, cards, gifts, hugs, kisses and courtesies)
- #2) Entering Conversation- (investigating feelings, events, and plans without judgment)
- #3) Opening in Honesty- (truthfulness in all feelings, events, schedules and plans, w/o falsehood)
- #4) Financial Support- (providing housing, food, and clothing w/o unacceptable hours away)
- #5) Committing to Family- (Time and Energy for developing kids; activities and nurture)

For Men (on average): **My wife is IRRISITABLE to me when she builds skills in meeting these needs:**

- #1) Sexual Fulfillment- (A relationship enjoyable and frequent enough for both of you)
- #2) Recreational Companionship- (Mutually enjoyable recreation and activities)
- #3) Physical Attractiveness- (Keeping fit in diet and exercise; clothing, hair, smell etc.)
- #4) Domestic Support- (An environment of refuge created by care, cooking, and cleaning)
- #5) Admiration/Respect- (Communication of respect clearly and often, rarely critical)

Jesus said, “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and two shall become one flesh’ (Matt. 19:5, Gen. 2:24). So then they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate” (Matt. 19:5,6)

Marriage is the CLOSEST of human relationships.

Marriage is how a man and a woman go from TWO to becoming ONE .

The direction of marriage for man and woman is not to grow more SEPERATE but more TOGETHER .

This Week: Take 30 minutes with your spouse to read Matthew 19:1-10 and Ephesians 5:22-33. Then discuss how you can better meet one another’s needs. Commit yourselves to caring for each other realizing that you alone have been given that exclusive right!