

The Command to the Bride



Highlights

1. The Command
2. A word to the husbands
3. The main four commands
4. Hindrances
5. Motives



The Command ⁽¹⁾

- “And you, blessed daughter, and happy bride, you have heard what was commanded of your husband. So you must **honor and respect** him, do not disagree with him **but increase your obedience to him** many times over what was commanded.”

The Command ⁽²⁾

- “For you are now alone with him and he is responsible for you instead of your parents. So you must **receive him with joy and cheer**, do not frown in his face, **do not neglect any of his rights upon you**, and fear God in all matters with him.”

The Command ⁽³⁾

- “Because God commanded you to submit to him and ordered you to obey him as your parents. So be with him as our mother Sarah was obedient to our father Abraham, and used to address him ‘my lord.’”

The Command ⁽⁴⁾

- “Thus, God looked upon her obedience to him, blessed her, gave her Isaac in her old age, and made her offspring as the stars of heaven and the sand on the sea shore.”

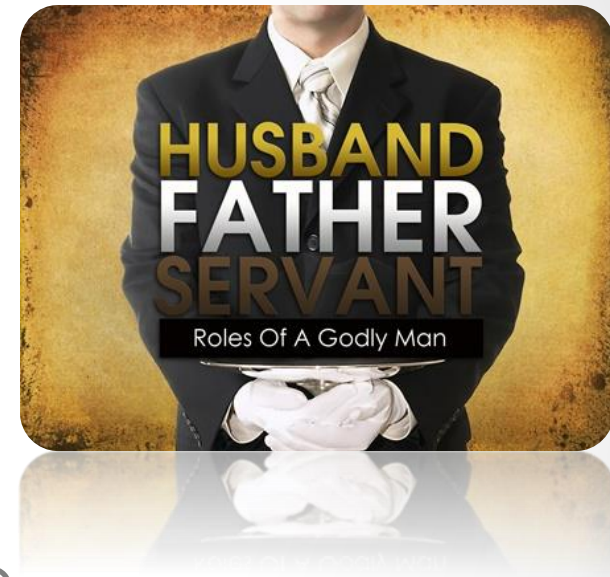
The Command ⁽⁵⁾

- “So if you observed what we instructed you to do, and followed all commandments, the Lord will take your hand, increase your livelihood, and blessings will descend upon your home, and He will grant you blessed children by whom God will delight your eyes.”



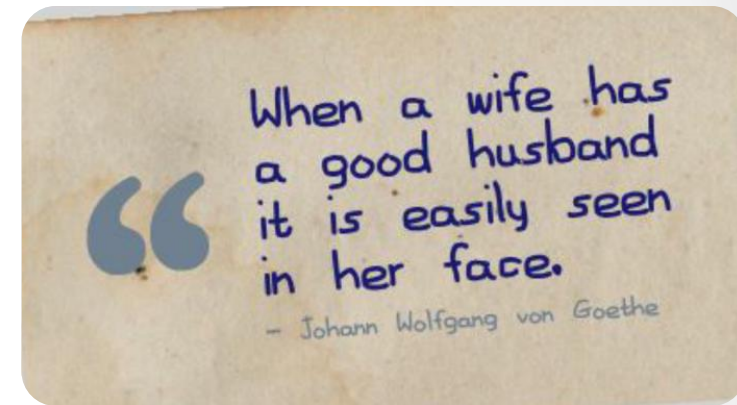
A Word to the Husbands (1)

- The bride's command starts by : "... you have heard what was commanded of your husband"
- The husband is the leader who sets the tone for the family's environment
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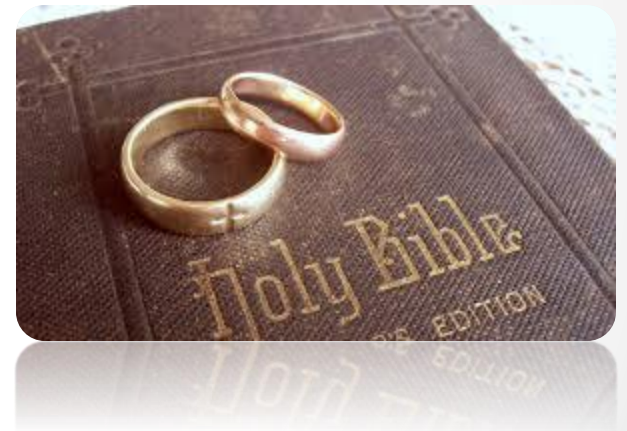
A Word to the Husbands (2)

- The command to the wife is easier to be observed with a godly, fair and a loving husband (Abraham)
- A man who respects himself is more likely to be respected by his household members



A Word to the Husbands (3)

- A man who walks after God's guidance is more likely to earn others' submission and obedience: "Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men"
(2 Corinthians 5:11)



A Word to the Husbands (4)

- Intimacy is often the natural outcome of the love, respect, and compassion you extend to your wife during the day



The Main Four Commands ⁽¹⁾

1. Honor and Respect:

- Forms:

- * Language
- * Honoring your agreements
- * Looking after his needs
- * Keeping his secrets
- * Talking about him with respect
- * Not comparing him to other husbands •



The Main Four Commands ⁽²⁾

1. Honor and Respect: (cont.)

- Forms: (cont.)

* Paying attention to him when he talks

* Living within his means

* Fidelity

* Honoring his family

- Main source is wife's self-respect



The Main Four Commands ⁽³⁾

1. Honor and Respect: *(cont.)*

- Respect should be observed at all times. Joking, being upset, or disagreement should not hinder it



The Main Four Commands ⁽⁴⁾

2. Obedience:

- “Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear”

(1 Peter 3:1-2)

The Main Four Commands ⁽⁵⁾

2. Obedience:

- Express your opinion in meekness and respect
- The process of resolving disagreement
- Obedience is within God's command and the safety of the family



The Main Four Commands ⁽⁶⁾

2. Obedience:

- The transition from following your parents to the obedience of your husband



The Main Four Commands ⁽⁷⁾

3. Receive him with joy and cheer:

- “A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance” (Proverbs 15:13)
- The virtue of contentment



Smile at each other, smile at your wife, smile at your husband, smile at your children, smile at each other - it doesn't matter who it is - and that will help you to grow up in greater love for each other.

(Mother Teresa)

The Main Four Commands ⁽⁹⁾

3. Receive him with joy and cheer:

(cont.)

- The manipulation of passive aggression

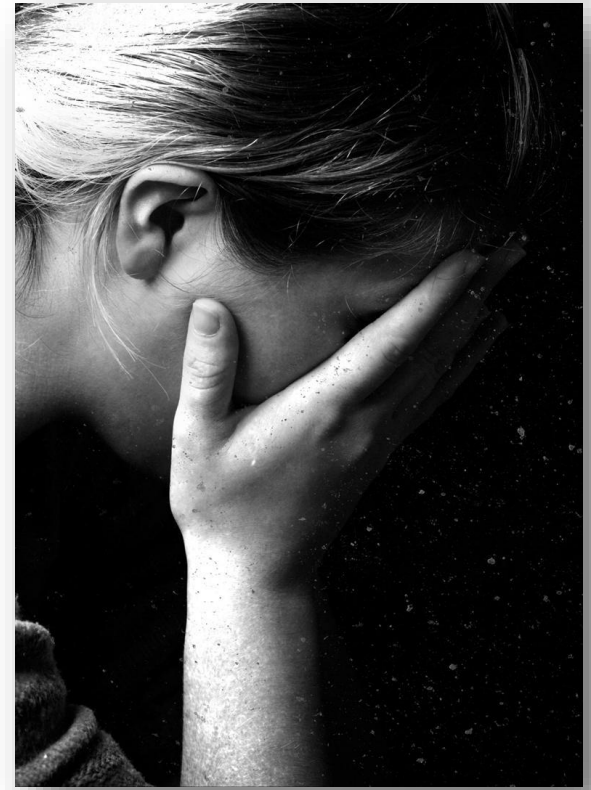
- “Better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and angry woman” (Proverbs 21:19)



The Main Four Commands (10)

3. Receive him with joy and cheer: *(cont.)*

- Surrendering to the spirit of sorrow
- Worries, regrets, grumbling and self-pity are common reasons for an angry look



The Main Four Commands ⁽¹¹⁾

4. Don't neglect any of his rights:

- Losing interest in the intimate relationship:

- * Reasons
- * Wrong mindset
- * Talking about it
- * Keeping the balance



The Main Four Commands (12)

4. Don't neglect any of his rights:

(cont.)

- The issue behind many of the day-to-day unexplained tension

- Subjecting the husband to the danger of outside temptations



Hindrances ⁽¹⁾

1. Examining the worthiness of the husband
2. A faulty upbringing
3. Insecurity
4. Lack of the fear of God
5. Ego



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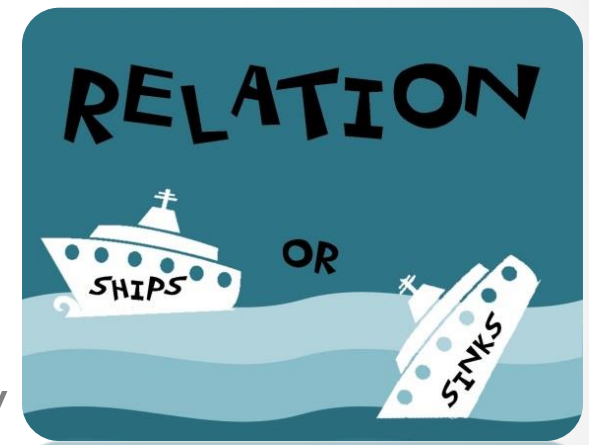
6. Selfishness
7. Wrong understanding of the command
8. Negative outside influences



SELFISHNESS,
a fantastic way to be miserable!

The Motives (1)

1. The fear of God who observes all of our actions
2. The promise of the blessings
3. The functionality of the family
4. The house's environment and its impact on everyone who lives in it



The Motives ⁽²⁾

5. Gaining a godly husband
6. Guarding yourself from outside temptations
7. Passing the right message to your children
8. Ability to worship God without interruption



**GLORY BE TO GOD
FOREVER**

