

MARRIAGE SEMINAR

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Brothers, what are the 2 most important characteristics you expect in your wife?

- Love x3
- Care for me & children
- Integrity
- Truth & Honesty x2
- Understanding
- Submission to me x2
- Be more cheerful
- Understanding
- Wisdom
- Communicative
- Spend time with me
- Cook delicious NV
- Spiritual, God-fearing
- Submission to God
- Cooperative
- Think as I do
- Supporter
- Good listener x3
- Godly
- Respectful
- Be my prayer partner

Sisters, what are the 2 most important characteristics you expect in your husband?

- Godly husband who loves the Lord x2
- Loves me as Christ loved the church
- Spend more time with children
- Listen more and speak less
- Time management
- Setting his priorities right
- Understanding and supportive
- A very prayerful man
- Prioritizing God and family above all other things
- Should love me unconditionally

Sisters, what are the 2 most important characteristics you expect in your husband?

- Most thing I expect is fear of the Lord
- Take decision & responsibility in all family matters
- To be a spiritual leader esp Family altar
- To fulfill God's plan & purpose in action
- To create an atmosphere of leader or head at home
- Christ-like nature
- Be organized in all things
- Communication / Understanding / Patience / Gentleness / Love & care /Prayerful

- 1. Men and Women are different**
- 2. Roles of Husbands and Wives**
- 3. Conflicts in Marriage – part 1**

Let's start with

Men and Women are different

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- **Ephesians 5: 21-33**
 - **Imitate God** in everything you do
 - Live a life of **Love**
 - Give **Thanks** for everything
 - **Submit** to one another
 - **Wives – submit & respect your husbands**
 - **Husbands – love, make her holy, be sacrificial**

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- **1 Peter 3: 1-7**

- **Wives ...**

- Accept the authority of husband,
- Live godly, pure & reverent lives,
- Have an inward God-given, unfading beauty,
- Have a gentle & quiet spirit,
- Trust God.

- **Husbands ...**

- Honor your wives,
- Treat your wives with understanding,
- Dwell with understanding,
- Treat her well.

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Men and Women are different!

- **Genesis 2:7; 15-23**
- **Analysis:**
 - From the man God created, He took out something that He never replaced
 - When God created the woman, He left something in the man that He didn't put in the woman
- **Logical conclusion:**
 - What God took out of man, He never replaced; therefore, man cannot be the same as woman!
 - What God left in man, He did not put in woman; therefore, woman cannot be the same as man!

Brain Development

- Paul Mobius (1903) measured the volumes of skulls of men & women ... and found that:
 - The overall size and volume of male brain is 8% more than that of female brain!



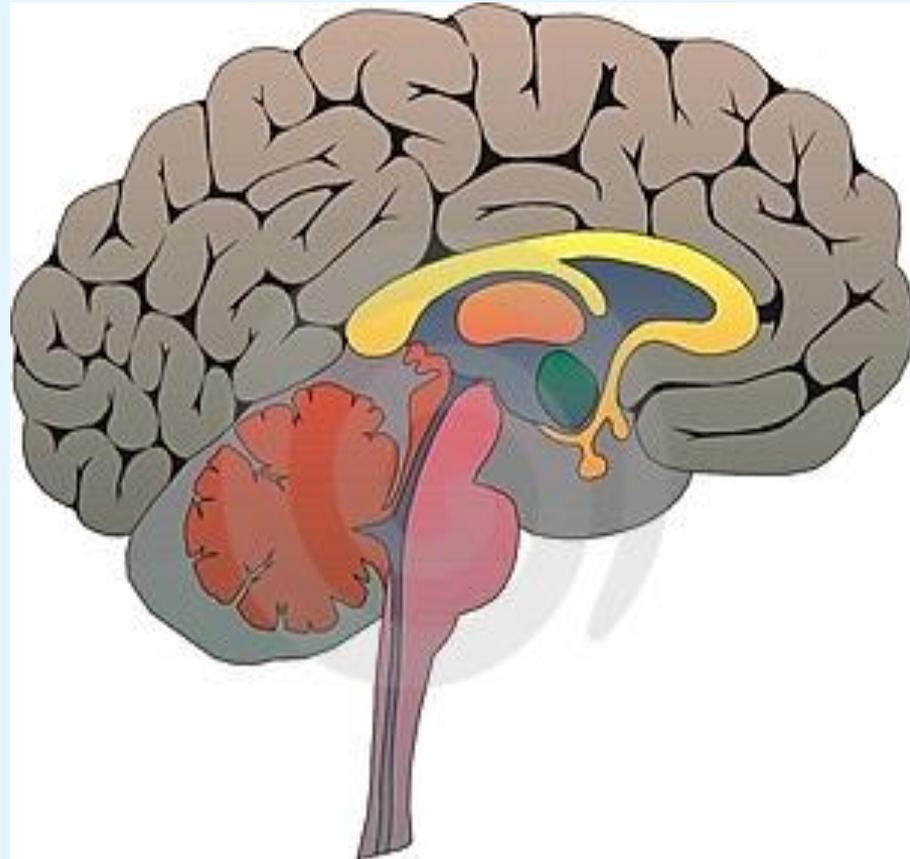
Differences in Brain Development

Female brain:

- Better at complex thinking
- Better multi-tasking
- Increased communication

Male brain:

- Greater physical activity
- Better at skill-based activities
- Better uni-tasking
- Decreased communication



Man ... in the Garden

- **Genesis 2: 15-20**



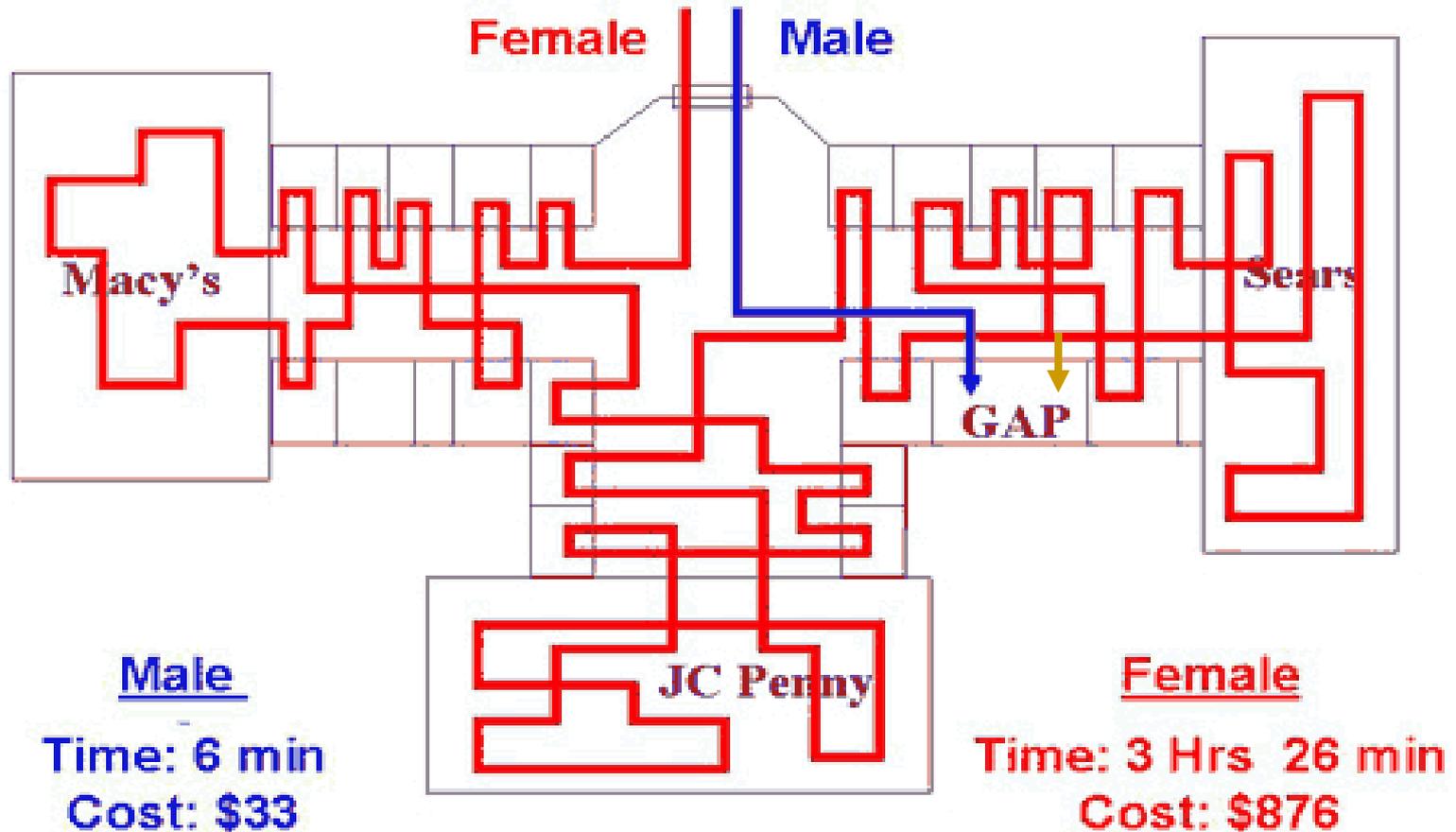
Woman ... in the Garden

- **Genesis 2: 21-23**



Shopping!

Mission: Go to Gap, Buy a Pair of Pants



Problem-solving



Man's Way

Woman's Way



New Characteristics

- **Genesis 3: 1-3**
- **Genesis 3: 6-7**
- **Genesis 3: 12**

Summary

1. What God took out of man, He never replaced
Therefore, it is not in man to be a woman
What God left in man, He did not put in woman
Therefore, it is not in woman to be a man
2. Men, before God gives you a wife,
He gives you a job
Women, before God gives you a husband,
He gives him a job

Summary

3. Men often deal with issues impersonally
Women deal with issues personally
4. Men are Goal oriented, Mission oriented,
Performance oriented and Solution
oriented.
Women are Relationship oriented, Intimacy
oriented, Fellowship oriented and
Communication oriented.
5. Men decide by logical planning
Women decide by feelings!

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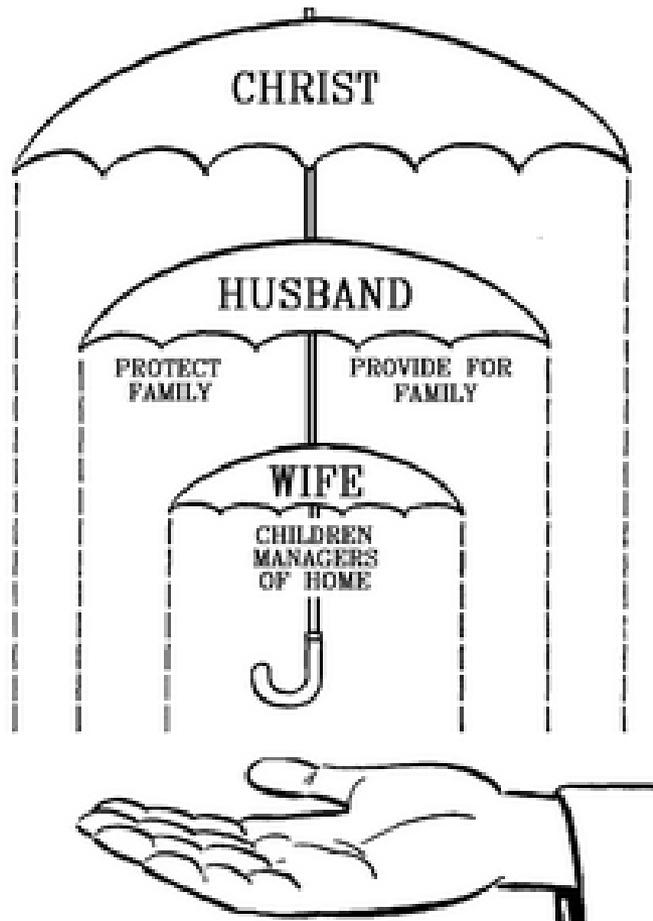
6. Women solve problems by talking about them,
Men solve problems by withdrawing into themselves
7. Women often improve on everything
Men often pass the buck
8. Men are stewards ---
 - to guard, to guide, to govern;
 - to direct, to protect, to correct.And women are meant to be recipients of this stewardship!

Roles of Husbands and Wives



What does the BIBLE say?

The 'Umbrella' to a Godly Marriage



- Role model for the man:
JESUS CHRIST – His authority, His servant-leadership and His love
- Role model for the woman:
JESUS CHRIST – His submission to the Father and His expectation of the church

Basic Scripture References:

- Genesis 2&3; Ephesians 5:1-33; Colossians 3:18-19; 1 Peter 3:1-7

Role of the Husband

1	Is the Priest in the home
2	Is the Leader / Head / Influencer (Not Dictator) at home (not manager)
3	Provides and protects wife (and children) from all forms of attack
4	Considerate to the wife and Understands her needs
5	Loves his wife and values her companionship
6	Shows Respect to the opinion of his wife
7	Demonstrates Support to the needs of his wife
8	Enjoys Sexual intimacy with his wife
9	Is a Role model to his children
10	Teaches, trains, guides, and disciplines his children
11	Honors his father and mother, thus setting an example to his children
12	Mandatory income-maker for the home
13	Good Communicator at home – transparent, no secrets

References: Genesis 2, 3; Eph 5: 21-24, 25-33; Col 3: 18-19; 1 Tim 3:5; 1 Tim 5:8; 1 Corin 11:3; 1 Corin 7:2-5; 1 Pet 3:7

Role of the Wife

1	Submits to her own husband
2	Is Supportive of her husband – a true and godly Helper
3	Respects her husband
4	Encourager to her husband
5	Promotes home environment
6	Manager of the home (not Head)
7	Loves and Cares for her children
8	Is a role model to her children
9	Enjoys sexual intimacy with her husband
10	Supplementary income-maker
11	Loves her husband, and chooses to be a life-long companion
12	Honors her father and mother, thus setting an example to her children
13	Good Communicator at home – transparent, no secrets
14	Is the ideal ‘Proverbs 31’ Home-maker

References: Genesis 2, 3; Prov 31; Prov 2:16-17; Mal 2:14; Eph 5: 22-24, 33; Col 3: 18-19; 1 Tim 3:11; 1 Tim 5:14; Tit 2:4-5; 1 Corin 7:2-5; 1 Pet 3:1

10 Commandments for Husbands

Thou shalt not take thy wife for granted, but will honour and respect her as thy equal. (1 Pet 3:7)

Thy highest allegiance, except God, shall be to thy wife, not thy relatives or friends. (Gen 2:24)

Thou shalt frequently tell thy wife how important & valuable she is to thee. (Phil 2:3; Prov 31:10-11)

Thou shalt hold thy wife's love by the same means that thou won it. (Sos 5:10-16)

Thou shalt actively establish family discipline with thy wife's help. (Eph 6:4)

Remember to do all the little things for thy wife when you say you will. (Mt 5:37)

Keep thine eyes on thy own wife, not thy neighbors. (Prov 5:15-20; Job 31:1; Jer 5:8)

Thou shalt make every effort to see things from thy wife's point of view. (Gen 21:12)

Thou shalt not be stingy with thy wife when it comes to money. (Esther 5:3)

Thou shalt love thy wife, thine own wife, all the days of thy life (Eph 5:25,33; Col 3:19)

10 Commandments for Wives

Expect not thy husband to give thee as many luxuries as thy father hath given thee after many years of hard labor. (Phil 4:11; Amos 4:1)

Thou shalt work hard to build thy house with the husband that you have, not fantasizing about "the one that could have been". (Prov 14:1)

Thou shalt not nag. (Prov 27:15; 21:19)

Thou shalt coddle thy husband and be a warm wife. (1 Cor 7:3-5)

Remember that the frank approval of thy husband is more to thee than the side glances of many strangers. (Ezek 16:32; 2 Pet 2:14)

Thou shalt not yell at thy husband but will be a gentle and quiet spirit. (1 Pet 3:1-4)

Permit no one to assure thee that thou art having a hard time of it. (1 Pet 5:9)

Thou shall not fail to dress up for thy husband with an eye to please him, as thou didst before marriage. (Sos 4:9-11)

Thou shalt submit to thy husband from thy heart and allow him to be head of the household. (Col 3:18; 1 Pet 3:6; Eph 5:22,33)

Thou shalt assure thy husband and others that he is the greatest man alive. (Sos 5:9-16)

Conflicts in Marriage (part 1)



**“Marriages are made in heaven,
but so is thunder and lightning!”**

All marriages have their ups and downs simply because:

- We are flesh and blood
- We do not have full and complete knowledge
- We are individuals with own likes and dislikes
- We all carry our historical baggage into our marriages

Genesis of Conflicts in the Home

Differing Objectives

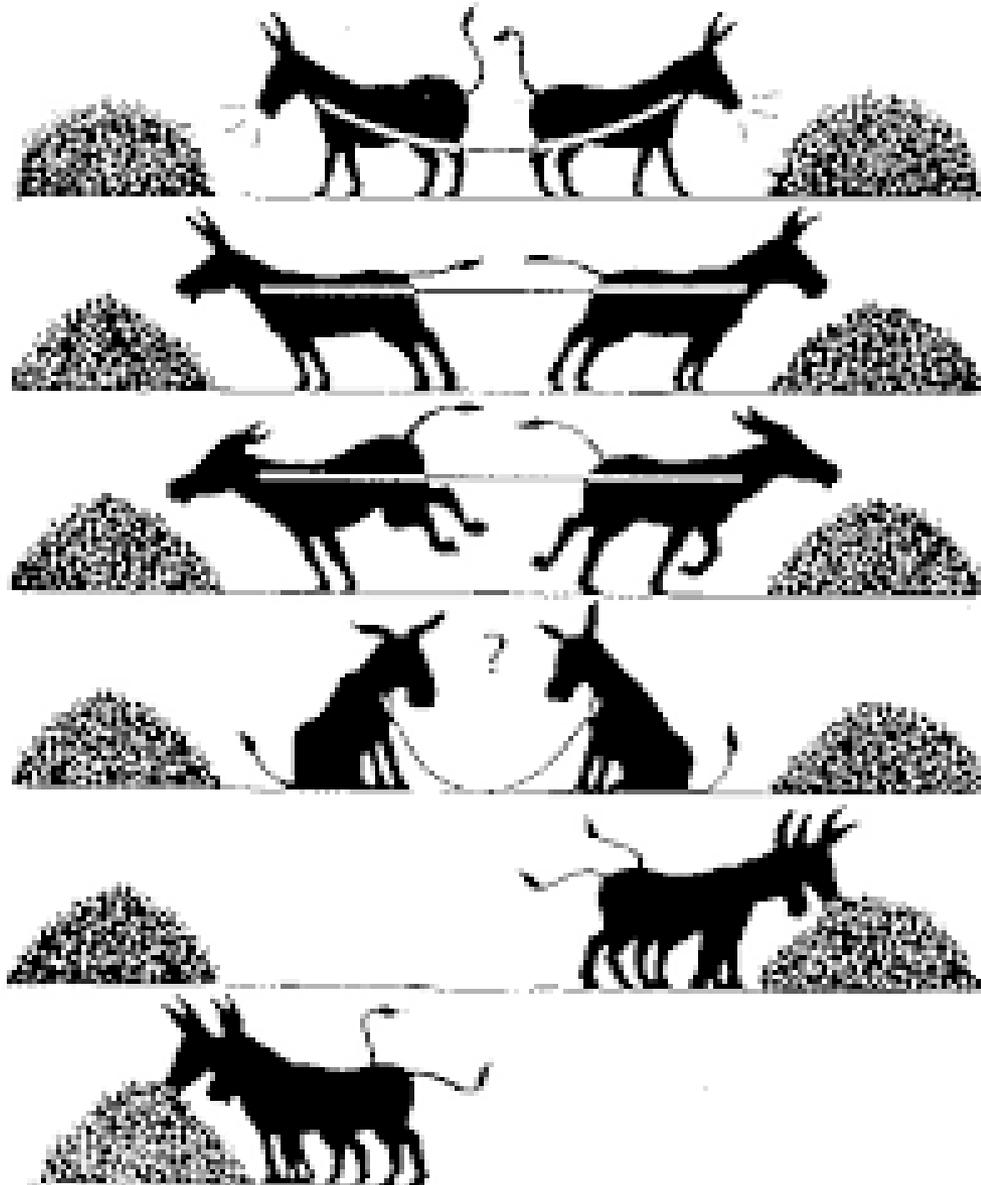
Differing Paths

Hurtful Behaviour

Communication

Working Together

Objectives Achieved



Common Causes of Conflicts in Marriage

- Differing objectives in marriage
 - Reflect God's image – Genesis 1:26-27
 - Reproduce – Genesis 1:28; Malachi 2:15
 - Reign – Genesis 1:28
- Improper communication – Ephesians 4:26, 29; Proverbs 15:1; Proverbs 18:6-7
- Financial disagreements – Deuteronomy 8:18; Deuteronomy 15:6; Deuteronomy 28:12; Hebrews 13:5; Philippians 4:12; Luke 12:15

Common Causes of Conflicts in Marriage

- Differing viewpoints – Genesis 21:9-14
- Addiction – to work, to alcohol/ drugs, to social media, to pornography
- Dominating spouse – 1 Corinthians 11:3
- Sexual dissatisfaction & Adultery – 1 Corinthians 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4; Proverbs 5:18-20
- Delayed blessing including Barrenness – Hebrews 6:11-12

DANGER SIGNS

Signs are to warn us so as to adjust our actions to avoid trouble or accidents.

- Poor or No communication
- Feelings of insecurity
- Lack of confidence in the spouse
- Outside influence and interference
- An unforgiving attitude
- Individual planning
- Taking each other for granted

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

- Turn to God first and foremost
 - PRAY – PUSH & PULL
- Know, accept & adjust to your differences
- Defeat selfishness
- Pursue the interests of your spouse
- Learn to Forgive
- Communicate lovingly, not confrontationally
- Return blessings for insults
- Seek Godly counsel
- Never mention Divorce or Separation

Brothers & Sisters ...



... Have a Blessed Home!