

Honor The Woman

1 Peter 3:7



“Civilization cannot exist where womanhood is not honored. The **degree of honor** given womanhood may well be the most accurate measure of a country’s civilization.”

How are we doing?

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Honoring is what puts the fun in together, the sad in apart, the hope for tomorrow, and joy in a woman's heart.

It is a neglected command in many cases. If the husband can make his wife feel loved and honored, most of the time the marriage will thrive.

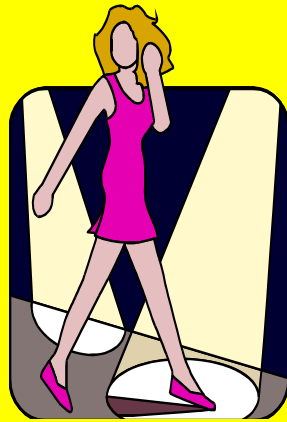
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1 Peter 3:6-7

Vs 6 - "Thus Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord...."

Vs 7 - "You husbands likewise live with your wives *in an understanding way*, as with a *weaker vessel*, since she is a woman; and grant her honor as a *fellow-heir of the grace of life*, so that *your prayers may not be hindered*."

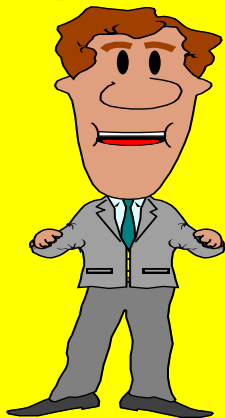
MAN VS. WOMAN



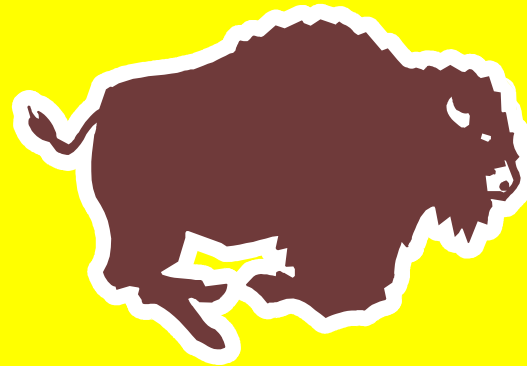
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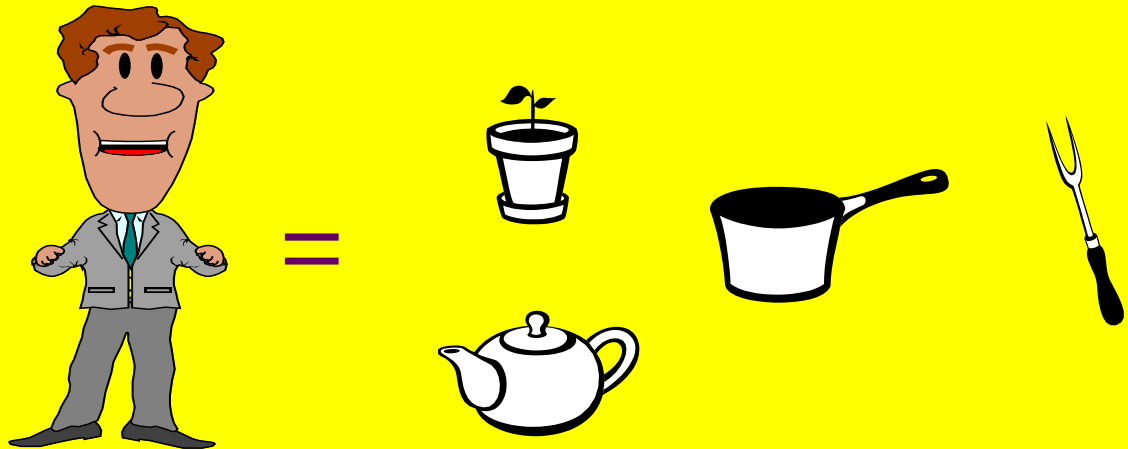
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BUFFALO

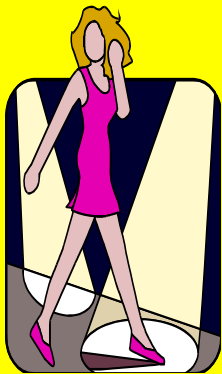
Old Testament Word Study

- In the OT, even the very words for the creation of man and woman indicates that a woman was crafted by a *special design*. First notice **the man**:
- In Genesis 2:7, we are told that God “formed” man from the dust of the ground. This is a word which is used of **forming clay pots and utensils** in Scripture.



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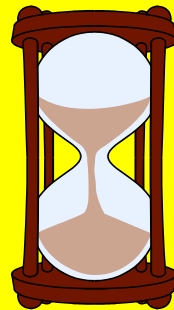
In Genesis 2:22, we are told that God “fashioned” her. This word “fashioned” is an **artistic term** which is used later of the **skilled craftsmen who “fashioned” the intricate items** that were a part of the temple.



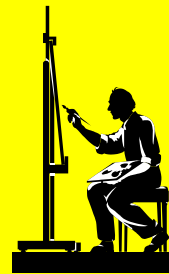
WOMAN

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Hourglass



Figure



Work
of Art



Fine China



Expensive
Crystal

John Chrysytom (A.D. 347-407)

Commentary on Ephesians 5:22-28

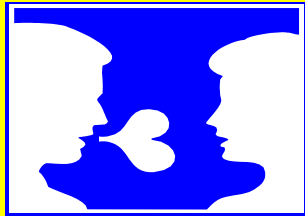
“Show her that you value her company, and prefer being at home to being out. Esteem her in the presence of your friends and children. Praise and show admiration for her good acts; and if she ever does anything foolish, advise her patiently.”

“Never call her by her name alone, but with terms of endearment, honor, and love. If you honor her, she won't need honor from others; she won't desire praise from others if she enjoys the praise that comes from you. Prefer her before all others, both for her beauty and her discernment, above all praise her.”

Practical Applications



- **Tell her often (Be Creative!)**



“HONEY, I AM SO FORTUNATE TO HAVE YOU”

- **Tell others**



CRITICIZE IN *PRIVATE*,
PRAISE IN PUBLIC

- **Change your attitude**



How To Find The Positive Side To Your Wife's "Negative Traits"

- Not nosy - just *alert and sociable*
- Not touchy - just *sensitive*
- Not stingy - just *thrifty*
- Not talkative - just *expressive & dramatic*
- Not too serious - *sincere and earnest*
- Not rigid- *disciplined & strong convictions*
- Not too fussy - *very organized & efficient*

How To Find The Positive Side To Your Wife's "Negative Traits"

- Here is the KEY:



Give each other the **benefit of the doubt** and learn to **see them in the best light possible!**

Practical Applications



- **WATCH THE NON-VERBAL**
- **Remember little acts of courtesy**
- **“In relationships, the BIG things are the LITTLE things..”**

Word Study

(Genesis 2:18)

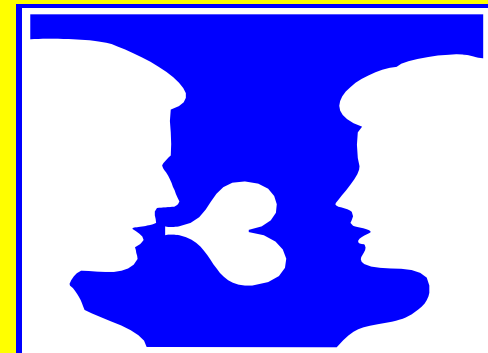
Word: “Helpmeet” (KJV)

“Helper Suitable” (NAS)

Literally: Heb. “An Answering To”

The woman was made to be the
“responder.”

- She will respond to the way she is treated.
- A woman who is honored and put second only to God will go to the ends of the earth for her man!



Learn how to habitually meet her needs

- **FOUR STAGES!**

- **Unconsciously incompetent**



- **Consciously incompetent**



- **Consciously competent**



- **Unconsciously competent**