

## STUDENT HANDOUT — Seminar 3, Session 3

### Wisdom for Wives

#### INTRODUCTION

##### THE IDEAL WIFE, WHAT EVERY MAN EXPECTS.

She is always beautiful and cheerful.

Could have married movie stars but only wanted you.

Beauty that won't run in a rain storm.

Never sick just allergic to expensive clothing and fur coats.

Insists that moving furniture by herself is good for her figure.

Expert in cooking, cleaning the house, fixing the car, painting the house and keeping quiet.

Favorite hobbies – mowing the lawn, and shoveling the snow. Hates charge cards.

Favorite expressions - "What can I do for you, dear".

She thinks you have an Einstein brain but look like Mr. America.

Wishes you would go out with the boys so that she can get some sewing done.

And loves you because you are just so wonderful.

That is the ideal wife, what every man expects.

But now here is what he gets:

She speaks 140 words a minute with gusts up to 180.

She once was a model for a totem pole.

She is a light eater, as soon as it gets light she starts eating.

Where there is smoke there she is ... cooking.

She lets you know that you only have two faults, everything you see and everything you do.

No matter what she does with it, her hair looks like an explosion in a steel wool factory.

And if you get lost, open your wallet and she will find you.

##### THE IDEAL HUSBAND, WHAT EVERY WOMAN EXPECTS.

He will be a brilliant conversationalist.

He will be a very sensitive man, kind, understanding and truly loving.

Very hard working.

A man who helps around the house by washing dishes, vacuuming floors, and taking care of the yard.

Someone who helps his wife raise the children.

A man of emotional and physical strength.

A man who is as smart as Einstein but looks like Robert Redford.

But here is what she gets:

He always takes her to the restaurants, someday he may even take her inside.

He doesn't have any ulcers, he gives them.

Anytime he has an idea in his head he has the whole thing in a nut shell.

He is known as a miracle worker, it's a miracle when he works.

He supports his wife in a manner in which he is accustomed, he is letting her keep her job.

He is such a bore that he even bores you to death when he gives you a compliment.

And he has occasional flashes of silence that makes his conversation brilliant.

1. Women are unique creatures made by God.

God made them \_\_\_\_\_ man, to \_\_\_\_\_ man and to \_\_\_\_\_ man.

2. Please allow me to put in a disclaimer; there is no perfect marriage. There is no perfect partner. But at the same time there must be a strong desire to improve.

3. My ambition is that each of us will want to do everything in our power to ENRICH OUR MARRIAGES.

To do this we must both be willing to learn, to grow, to make changes, and to want please each other more than to please ourselves.

I. The Power of Being a \_\_\_\_\_ Lover.

A. You Must \_\_\_\_\_ Your Husband As He Is.

1. Your husband is not your own \_\_\_\_\_ field to convert and change.

2. He is to be your \_\_\_\_\_, your \_\_\_\_\_, your closest \_\_\_\_\_.

3. There are three things you should model before your husband.

a. Diligently \_\_\_\_\_ for your husband daily.

b. Quietly model true \_\_\_\_\_ before him.

c. Patiently \_\_\_\_\_ on God to do His work their lives.

4. There are at least three things you should not do in being a positive lover:

a. You should not create \_\_\_\_\_ for your companion.

b. You should not \_\_\_\_\_ his personality.

c. You should not \_\_\_\_\_ him into the little mold that you think should be right for him as a husband.

B. You Must Choose To \_\_\_\_\_ Your Husband.

1. You must learn to \_\_\_\_\_ his strengths.

2. You must be his greatest \_\_\_\_\_.

3. You must seek to \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_.

4. You seek to \_\_\_\_\_ him.

II. Beware of the Dangers of \_\_\_\_\_ Communications.

A. Communicating Effectively is Usually the Greatest \_\_\_\_\_ Challenge.

1. If you are not \_\_\_\_\_ there will be \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The survival of a marriage depends upon the \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ the problems in a relationship.

B. How Do You Open And Keep Open The \_\_\_\_\_ of Communications?

1. Never assume because you are a positive lover that it means you have to \_\_\_\_\_ your needs, your hurts, and your tears.

2. Never \_\_\_\_\_ your grievances.

3. Whenever you have to talk to your husband about something that could be \_\_\_\_\_, take it to the Lord first.

4. Remember that how you say something is as \_\_\_\_\_ as what you have to say.

5. Take a positive approach to the problem and use \_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_.

III. Learn The Value Of Focusing On The \_\_\_\_\_ Side of Marriage.

A. How Can We Incorporate More \_\_\_\_\_ In Our Marriages?

1. Set aside a \_\_\_\_\_ once a week or an occasional get away week end.

2. Enjoy a \_\_\_\_\_ at home after the children go to bed.

3. Take an evening \_\_\_\_\_ around the block.

B. Why Is \_\_\_\_\_ So Important In A Marriage?

1. When we have fun together we see each other in a \_\_\_\_\_ light.

2. We are able to \_\_\_\_\_ down barriers.

3. We enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ much better.

## CONCLUSION

Here is your assignment to do this next week possible at a meal outside your home; ask your husband these questions:

1. Do you feel I am trying to change you into my image? Or expectations of what I think a good husband should be? If so, in what specific areas?

2. What are some specific things I can do for you to tell you and to show you that I love you? Or even quit doing to show you?

3. Is there something you would like for me to join you in doing that would help us nurture the fun side of marriage?