

Two Important Lists

Home is a place where a world of strife is shut out and a world of love shut in. The Bible is God's "instruction manual" for happy human living. There is no other book on earth that will bring about inner peace and eternal life. One point that most men and women have in common is that they are married.

Unfortunately, because we live in an amoral society, most who enter into marriage have little training. Is it not bizarre that a doctor trains for 7 years, a teacher for 4, but there is virtually no training for becoming a husband or wife? For that reason, the following two lists, compiled by Steve Rudd, are written for your admonition.

Ten Commandments For Husbands

1. Thou shalt not take thy wife for granted, but will honor and respect her as thy equal (1 Peter 3:7).
2. Thy highest allegiance, except God, shall be to thy wife, not thy relatives or friends (Genesis 2:24).
3. Thou shalt frequently tell thy wife how important and valuable she is to thee (Proverbs 31:10-11; Philippians 2:3).
4. Thou shalt hold thy wife's love by the same means that thou won it (Song of Solomon 5:10-16).
5. Thou shalt actively establish family discipline with thy wife's help (Ephesians 6:4).
6. Remember to do all the little things for thy wife when you say you will (Matthew 5:37).
7. Keep thine eyes on thy own wife, not thy neighbors (Job 31:1; Proverbs 5:15-20; Jeremiah 5:8).
8. Thou shalt make every effort to see things from thy wife's point of view (Genesis 21:12).
9. Thou shalt not fail to kiss thy wife every morning (Song of Solomon 8:1).
10. Thou shalt not be stingy with thy wife when it comes to money (Esther 5:3).

Ten Commandments For Wives

1. Expect not thy husband to give thee as many luxuries as thy father hath given thee after many years of hard labor (Amos 4:1; Philippians 4:11).
2. Thou shalt work hard to build thy house with the husband that you have, not fantasizing about "the one that could have been" (Proverbs 14:1).
3. Thou shalt not nag ... hit him with thine frying pan, it is kindlier (Proverbs 21:19; 27:15).
4. Thou shalt coddle thy husband and be a warm wife (1 Corinthians 7:3-5).

5. Remember that the frank approval of thy husband is more to thee than the side glances of many strangers (Ezekiel 16:32; 2 Peter 2:14).
6. Thou shalt not yell at thy husband but will be a gentle and quiet spirit (1 Peter 3:1-4).
7. Permit no one to assure thee that thou art having a hard time (1 Peter 5:9).
8. Thou shall not fail to dress up for thy husband with an eye to please him, as thou didst before marriage (Song of Solomon 4:9-11).
9. Thou shalt submit to thy husband from thy heart and allow him to be head of the household (Ephesians 5:33; Colossians 3:18; 1 Peter 3:6).
10. Thou shalt assure thy husband and others that he is the greatest man alive (Song of Solomon 5:9-16; Philippians 2:3).