

40 Ways to Love Your Husband

From The Excellent Wife In Training workbook

The older ladies of our church compiled a list of ways you can practically show love to your husband. There are 100 other little ways for each different husband, but this should be a good place to start!

1. Love God more than your husband.
2. Die to self.
3. Pray for him.
4. Treat him as a brother in Christ.
5. Respect him as the head of the home as God has made him.
6. Submit to him in everything except sin.
7. Communicate, communicate, communicate.
8. Laugh together with him.
9. Enjoy being his lover.
10. Be his friend, know him inside and out.
11. List all the ways you're thankful for him and guard your thoughts. Dwell on his positive qualities.
12. Listen when he talks about his work: ask questions and take interest!
13. Prioritize him above all others.
14. Make him your #1 source of input above your parents and friends.
15. Ask what he wants done and do what he asks. Do it well, do it first.
16. Never speak ill about him to others.
17. Keep within the budgets he sets.
18. Don't complain to him about things you don't have or can't afford. Learn to be content.
19. Make your home a place he wants to be. Make home a refuge where he is loved and wanted.
20. Be home when he's home.
21. Always seek to consult him about plans that involve him.
22. Don't be his mother; be his wife.
23. Study him; know him.
24. Remind yourself what you loved about him when you first met.
25. Show deference for his family. Seek peace with his mother.
26. Remember your vow to God to love this man and the biblical command to respect him.
27. Encourage him spiritually, even when you wish he were encouraging you.
28. Follow his decisions and leadership as long as he isn't asking you or the kids to sin. Trust God with the results, even if they are poor, knowing God is teaching him as well as you.
29. Pay attention to his likes and dislikes.
30. Allow him time to pursue hobbies or make/keep friendships in his free time without guilt.
31. Listen to him. Be a sounding board and be praying that God will use you to speak the truth he needs to hear.
32. Set him up for success—provide the opportunities for him to be the spiritual leader and protector. Remember: nagging undermines this loving gesture.
33. Make a plan with him on who you can talk to if he needs help.
34. Thank him and express your gratefulness for His leadership and for the way he works hard to provide for the family.
35. Let him know the good, the bad, and the ugly about you, your thoughts, and fears so he can help you grow. However, if there are things that don't fulfill Ephesians 4:29, then honor that.
36. Allow him to be the dad he is.
37. Build him up in front of the children.
38. Keep him informed on detailed character issues with the kids so he can engage them.
39. Encourage communication from children to father, and father to children.
40. Make time to be alone, either at home or out on a date or weekend away