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“... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!” Romans 10:15

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Husbands Love Your Wives

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Conclusion

3. ENVIETH NOT - He does not feel displeasure when his wife excels in something, but he is happy for her and rejoices with her.
4. Does not brag and is not arrogant - Though he has headship, he does not abuse the power. The husband is not to lord it over his family and rule as a tyrant, but as Paul taught elders “To manage his household well, with all dignity, not only control - respectful control. He manages in a dignified or honorable manner. A man who truly does good deeds does not need to boast - for his deeds speak for themselves. His family will see it.
5. Does not act unbecomingly - The word unseemly means to act in a shameful or dishonorable conduct. This means in terms of a husband, he is not rude or unreasonable to his wife, but treats her with respect especially when he is around others. He does not embarrass her or publicly correct or chastise her. Such conduct is unseemly toward his wife.
6. Seeketh not his own - Love, above all, is this characteristic - selfless and self-sacrificing. The husband must be as concerned about her welfare as his own (cp. Eph. 5:28). Not just interested in number one and his own accomplishments, job, image, etc. but applies the golden rule in the home as well as other relationships (Matt. 7:12). So husbands, we must not be selfish, not always have things our way. Love is kind, not unseemly, not provoked.
7. Is not provoked - Does not go around with a chip on his shoulder. It is not resentful or easily angered. The husband, therefore, must not be touchy or testy such that the wife and children are constantly fearful of saying or doing the wrong thing, (especially right after work). In too many homes the husband is nothing but a spoiled baby and when he doesn't get his way - goes into a rage.
 - a. Not only are outbursts sinful (Gal. 5:20), but such a big baby is destroying every ounce of potential good within his family.
8. Does not take into account a wrong suffered - The phrase “into account” means to ponder or dwell on. Hence, love does not keep a running account of offenses so as to arm oneself for battle. The husband does not keep score of wrongs to

provide ammo. Though he or she may remember a number of incidents, once resolved it is not, I repeat not, brought up again in any harmful way (cp. Matt. 6:12, 15; Eph. 4:32).

9. Does not rejoice in unrighteousness (v.6) - Love does not uphold the sin of another. It does not try to justify it or excuse it, water it down, even if done by our spouse. Christ has headship over all (see Acts 5:1-2) - we are all answerable. If our spouse sins, the best thing we can do for them is lead them to repentance.
 - a. Let us especially remember this if an occasion of sin arises against someone else.
 - 1) If a lie is told, or ones attitude is hateful, etc. don't uphold the sin even if it's your wife or husband - you are only hurting yourselves!
10. Rejoices in the truth - The husband will encourage any good and honest behavior. He will encourage her to do what is right. Love for her soul is his greatest concern.
11. Bears all things (vs. 7) - Together the husband and wife bear all the burdens and trials of life; sharing the joys and sorrows, sickness and health, blessings and adversities - as one.
12. Believes all things - Puts the best picture on things. Believes the best. Trusting, never questioning her motives. Not suspicious.
13. Hopes all things - Even when disagreements and problems arise - love still hopes for the best. The husband still wants to believe the best about his wife and wife the husband. The husband will, in spite of disagreements, be optimistic knowing it will work out, and works toward that end. He does not dwell on the negative and things that might hurt the relationship. Comparing this quality with the preceding one - love believes all things - puts the best picture on - even when problems arise, it still hopes for the best.
14. Endureth all things - "Till death do you part" is the promise we make to one another. Jesus said "what so ever God hath joined. . ." Only one exception - adultery - even upon that basis he does not command, but allows it. With the exception of adultery - love does not know the words "I quit" or "It's over". Love works things out.

CONCLUSION:

In summary - Jesus said "Husbands - love your wives". In I Cor. 13 we see some specific ways to do just that. If you have a loving and supportive wife, then you have more than you deserve. Stop and imagine life without her - appreciate her for all she means to us. Show her we appreciate her in every way. She's worth that new dress, shoes, perfume. Love can be learned - the question husbands, are you even trying to learn?

News and Notes:

Remember to check the prayer list for those with ongoing spiritual weaknesses and physical illnesses.

"...Pray for one another...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16