

Number 9 Strange But True

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#1 The family is a 'world in miniature', where life lessons are learned!

#2 A Biblical marriage Exalts the woman and demands Leadership by the man!

#3 A Biblical marriage relationship will teach healthy lifelong values to children!

#4 Sin messes up everything!

Proverbs 14:12 (ESV)

There is a way that seems right to a man,
but its end is the way to death.

As we look at the family and the role of the husband and wife, we see God's view totally at odds with the world's view. That shouldn't surprise us. However, we also see large segments of the church under the influence of the world adapt to the world's way. Bottom line this works to destroy the family. Thus, with the world we see, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death."

In session 9 on our series on the family, let us look at three important needs for the wife but seemingly strange to the husband:

#1 She needs to feel cherished.

Cherished – Guys you have a hard time with this. However, women do not! Other than the definition from a dictionary, look at a heartfelt example. Fathers sees his little girl run to him and holds her arms up. His eyes light up. That is cherish.

Song of Solomon 1:15 (ESV)

Behold, you are beautiful, my love;
behold, you are beautiful;
your eyes are doves.

#2 She needs to **feel** remembered. Remembered – Birthday (I remembered that you were born), Anniversary (I remembered that we were married), Mother’s Day, etc. Remembered is tied to being aware and paying attention. An interesting survey was made of what women wanted most in a man and what quality they desired in a man. The women said they wanted a man to “pay attention” to them. They said “good manners” was the quality they wanted. Trying to understand the relationship between Paying Attention and Good Manners, they found that men had to pay attention to have good manners. For instance, the good manners of opening a door for the lady, you had to pay attention to know she was at the door. Paying attention is a quality God show us.

Psalms 139:2 (ESV)

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

#3 She needs to **feel** understood (her emotions validated). Validation which says, “What you are feeling is understandable,” which communicates you are normal.

Psalms 139:1 (ESV)

O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

Now we need to look at three important needs for the husband but strange to the wife:

#1 A man needs to **KNOW** his value to you and the family!

The facts must be explicitly expressed!

Judges 6:12 (ESV)

The angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him,
“The LORD is with you, O mighty man of valor.”

Here we have a situation where Gideon did see his worth or ability in a terrible situation. The first thing God did was to expressly state the truth of his position. Once he **KNEW**, then God had him to live up to it. **Ladies this is what motivates your husband. Honor his position.**

#2 A man needs to be **ADMIRERD** by you! **Admired means to say and demonstrate**, “You are my man. I am proud to be your wife. There is not one I had rather be with.” Your presence speaks admiration to him. Ladies remember the title to the message, “Strange But True”! This is not sin or vanity. See how the LORD speaks in masculine terms to describe HIMSELF.

Isaiah 42:13

The Lord will march out like a mighty man, like a warrior he will stir up his zeal; with a shout he will raise the battle cry and will triumph over his enemies.

#3 A man needs to be **RESPECTED** by you!

Ephesians 5:33 (ESV)

Let the wife see that she **RESPECTS** her husband.

In the Ephesians when Paul is talking about marriage, he tells the man 4 times to love his wife. Then with an equally powerful statement he tells the wife “**once**” to respect her husband. **Respect** literally means to be in awe or reverence! This means the wife sees her husband’s position and responsibility before God in awe and reverence. This is like an awe or reverence of a soldier stepping into the battlefield to fight off Satan and his demons to protect his family as God intended.

These 9 sessions on the family the woman has been exalted, but she needs to take note of her warrior husband!

1 Peter 3:1–2 (ESV)

Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, ² when they see your respectful and pure conduct.

This truth is for the church, the Christian family, as a witness to the world!

1 Timothy 3:14–15 (ESV)

I am writing these things to you so that, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.

Sin messes up everything, but proper teaching and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit will lead God’s people to behave like Christ which will Exalt the woman and demand Leadership by the man which will model godliness to your children.