

“How to Spell Respect to Your Husband” Sermon Notes
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Subject: Wife’s Role In Marriage

Title: “*C-H-A-I-R-S: How To Spell Respect To Your Husband*”

Notes: How to spell respect to your husband

1. **CONQUEST—Appreciate His Desire To Work and Achieve**
 - a. Conquest is the natural, inborn desire of the man to out and conquer the challenges of his world—to work and achieve
 - b. Wives should understand how important your husband’s work is to him
 - c. Your husband will know you appreciate his conquest when you...
 - i. Tell him verbally or in writing that you value his work and his work ethics
 - ii. You express your faith in him related to his chosen field
 - iii. You listen to his work stories as closely as you expect him to listen to your accounts of what happens in the family

2. **HIERARCHY—Appreciate His Desire To Protect and Provide**
 - a. Your husband will feel you appreciate his desire to protect and provide when...
 - i. You verbalize your admiration of him for protecting you and being willing to die for you
 - ii. You praise his commitment to provide for and protect you
 - iii. You never mock the idea of looking up to him as your protector to prevent him from looking down on you

3. **AUTHORITY—Appreciate His Desire to Serve and Lead**
 - a. Grant your husband authority as Scripture describes it
 - b. He will feel you appreciate his authority and leadership when...
 - i. You tell him you are thankful for his strength and enjoy being able to lean on him at times
 - ii. You support his self-image as a leader
 - iii. You praise his good decisions

4. **INSIGHT—Appreciate His Desire To Analyze and Counsel**
 - a. He will feel you appreciate his insight when...
 - i. Tell him up front that you just need his ear
 - ii. Thank him for his advice without acting insulted or like he doesn’t care about your feelings

5. **RELATIONSHIP—Appreciate His Desire For Shoulder-To-Shoulder Friendship**
 - i. You tell him you like him and you show it too
 - ii. You respond to his invitation to engage in recreational activities together or you come along and watch him
 - iii. You encourage him to spend time alone, which energizes him to reconnect with you later

6. **SEXUALITY—Appreciate His Desire For Sexual Intimacy**
 - a. Golden Rule: *You can’t get what you need by depriving your partner of what he needs.*
 - b. He will feel you appreciate his desire for sexual intimacy when...
 - i. You respond to him sexually more often and initiate sex periodically
 - ii. You understand he needs sexual release just as you need emotional release
 - iii. You don’t try to make him open up to you verbally by depriving him of sex