



Review

Ephesians 5:33 – each individual is to love his own wife as himself and the wife must see to it that she respects her husband
unconditional love and unconditional respect

Deciphering code – we look at situations differently based on our make up and this is most distinguished by our gender

Love Languages
Words of affirmation
Quality time
Receiving gifts
Acts of service
Physical touch

COUPLE & CHAIRS – concept to ingrain each others needs and desires. A means for men to be more loving in their wife's eyes and for women to be more respectful in their husband's eyes

LOVE BANK

COUPLE & CHAIRS

- ✿ *C - Closeness*
- ✿ *O - Openness*
- ✿ *U - Understanding*
- ✿ *P - Peacemaking*
- ✿ *L - Loyalty*
- ✿ *E - Esteem*
- ✿ *C - Conquest*
- ✿ *H - Hierarchy*
- ✿ *A - Authority*
- ✿ *I - Insight*
- ✿ *R - Relationship*
- ✿ *S - Sexuality*

Closeness – desires husband to be close

Openness – open up to her

Understanding – don't fix her, just listen

Peacemaking – wants you to say I'm sorry

Loyalty – she needs to know you're committed

Conquest – desire to work and achieve

Hierarchy – desire to protect and provide

Authority – desire to serve and to lead

Insight – desire to analyze and counsel

Relationship – desire for shoulder to shoulder friendship

Sexuality – desire for sexual intimacy

Men: How do you spell Love?

C-O-U-P-L-E

- ✿ *Two people connected together - Wives desire connectivity*
- ✿ *Women confront to connect - not control*
- ✿ *When a good-willed wife appears negative/offensive she is crying out for COUPLE*

Trust Your Instruments

- ✿ *COUPLE/CHAIRS is biblically based*
- ✿ *Pilot trusts his instruments even when he is disoriented*

Pilots learn to trust instruments when they can't see and even when they are completely disoriented because instruments don't let feelings and history get in the way. They are completely objective.

These values are all completely biblically based and like the instrument panel on an airplane you can use the Bible as an instruction manual to get through the tough times and even the joyful times in a marriage.

CLOSENESS

- ✿ **She wants you to be close**
- ✿ *GEN 2:24 - A man shall leave his father and mother and shall cleave to his wife and they shall be one flesh.*
- ✿ *DEUT 24:5 - When a man takes a new wife, he shall not go out with the army nor be charged with any duty, he shall be free at home one year and shall give happiness to his wife whom he has taken.*

Be sure to stress the happiness part

OPENNESS

- ✿ **She wants you to open up to her**
- ✿ *SONG 5:2 - "The one I love was at the door, knocking and saying, 'My darling, my very own, my flawless dove, open the door for me!'"*
- ✿ *SONG 2:10 - "My beloved speaks and says to me, 'Arise my love my beautiful one and come away.'"*

These verses are a wife telling someone else about her husband wanting her and wanting to speak with her. She is excited by the chance to spend time and talk with her husband.... and other things I imagine.

UNDERSTANDING

- ✿ **Don't try to "fix" her; just listen**
- ✿ *1PET 3:7 - Likewise husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way...*
- ✿ *JAM 1:19 - ... let every person (husband) be quick to hear, slow to speak.*

We have discussed this before

A marriage is not a problem to solve but a relationship to cultivate.

PEACEMAKING

- ✿ **She wants you to say, “I’m sorry”**
- ✿ *EPH 5:21 - Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.*
- ✿ *1PET 3:8 - To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kind hearted and humble in spirit.*

You are to submit to one another to improve your relationship with Christ

Remember that the same principles that apply to your actions as a Christian to others in the world applies especially to your spouse in your same house.

LOYALTY

- ✿ **She needs to know you're committed**
- ✿ *MAL 2:15-16 - So be on your guard, and do not be unfaithful to the wife of your youth, "I hate divorce." Says the Lord God of Israel*
- ✿ *PROV 5:15 - Drink water from your own cistern and fresh water from your own well.*

Malachi – Very strong words from this Old Testament prophet

PROV – beautiful passage in Proverbs. This has nothing to do with drought and plumbing. It is all about your spouse and it is specifically a passage to men.

ESTEEM

- ✿ **Honor and Cherish her**

- ✿ *PROV 31: 28 -29 - Her children stand up and call her blessed. Her husband also rises up and praises her. He says, "Many women do noble things. But you are better than all the others."*

- ✿ *SONG 7:6 - How beautiful and how delightful you are, My love with all your charms!*

Tell story about "your parenting is fine"

Women: How do you spell Respect?

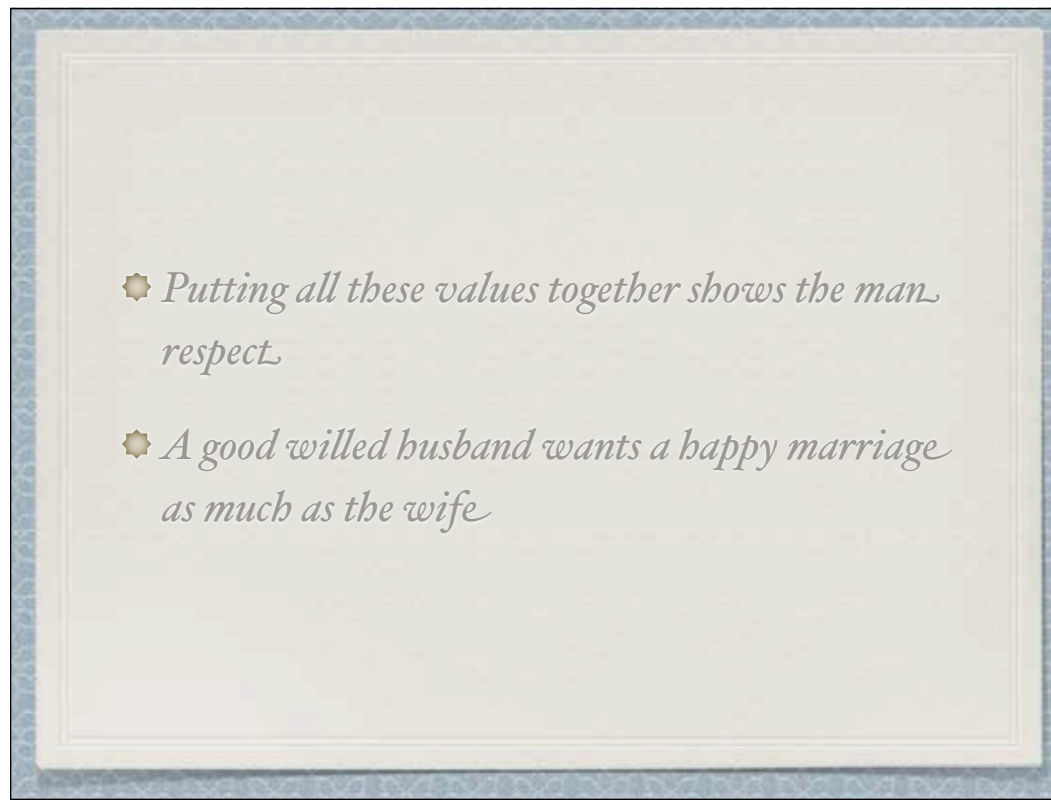
C-H-A-I-R-S

- ✿ *Men see themselves as the ones who should “chair” the relationship*
- ✿ *see themselves in the driver’s seat*
- ✿ *need to be the chairman - need to drive*
- ✿ *First among equals*

Speaking to the women

First among equals

not superior or dominating, men want to take on the responsibility of the relationship



✿ *Putting all these values together shows the man respect*

✿ *A good willed husband wants a happy marriage as much as the wife*

Good willed husband
even if quiet, stonewalling. He is not trying to sabotage the marriage. He may be trying to CHAIRS

CONQUEST

- ✿ **Appreciate his desire to work and achieve**
- ✿ *GEN 2:18 - Lord God said... I will make him a helper suitable for him.*
- ✿ *1COR 11:9 - For indeed man was not created for the woman's sake, but woman for the man's sake*

Very romantic word

Wild at Heart uses words like this and important for mothers of sons

HIERARCHY

- ✦ **Appreciate his desire to protect and provide**
- ✦ *EPH 5:22-24 - Wives be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.*

EPH – Paul lays out the relationship positions of the spouses.
wives to husbands **AS TO THE LORD**
husband to be head of the family like Christ is to church

✿ 1TIM 5:8 - *But if anyone does not provide for his own... he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.*

AUTHORITY

- ✿ **Appreciate his desire to serve and to lead**
- ✿ *EPH 5:22-23 - Wives be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body.*
- ✿ *1TIM 2:12 - I allow no woman to teach or to have authority over men.*

This is not sexist. It is biblical. Very hard to teach this in this day in age but it is still valid.

I really believe this is at the root of many of today's issues in marriage. With women's equality they don't feel the need for the husband, he is just someone else to deal with in the house but biblically he is the authority and should be placed in that role in the family

INSIGHT

- ✦ **Appreciate his desire to analyze and counsel**
- ✦ *PROV 3:7 - Don't be wise in your own eyes.*
- ✦ *1TIM 2:14 - It was not Adam who was deceived but the woman...*

Men are built to analyze

1TIM – this is an interesting point that we will expand later but suffice it to say that the woman was deceived and the man disobeyed

RELATIONSHIP

- ✿ **Appreciate his desire for shoulder to shoulder friendship**
- ✿ *SONG 5:16 - ...this is my beloved and this is my friend*
- ✿ *PHIL 2:4 - do not merely look out for your own interests, but also for the interests of others.*

PHIL – again remember that we are to treat our spouses like we would others. They don't have other rules. The way we treat our spouses use the same rules as others in **ADDITION** to special ones for marriage

SEXUALITY

- ✿ **Appreciate his desire for sexual intimacy**
- ✿ *1COR 7:3 - The husband must fulfill his duty to his wife and likewise also the wife to her husband*
- ✿ *1COR 7:5 - Stop depriving one another except by agreement for a time so that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self control*

Good sexual life keeps man and wife together and lessens the temptation of others.

Next Week:

CLOSENESS &
CONQUEST