

## The Path -

# Day 29: Principles for having a Christian home Pt 4

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### Principle #3: Keep your responsibilities within a marriage (continued)

#### 3. Third responsibility within the marriage: to honor one another

“Likewise ye husbands dwell with them according to knowledge, giving \_\_\_\_\_ unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel ...” - 1 Peter 3:7

“... let everyone of you so love his wife as himself; and the wife see that she \_\_\_\_\_ her husband.” - Ephesians 5:33

The word “**honor**” means the showing of merited respect and esteem to another. Our spouse does not have to earn our honor and respect; it is our Biblical duty to honor them.

#### What are some practical ways we can honor our spouse?

1. Be attentive to your marriage companion even if you have to neglect the rest of the world to do so.
2. Be enthusiastic when greeting your spouse when you have been separated for a day or longer.
3. Don't allow the children to disrupt the marriage relationship.
4. Speak well of your spouse in front of others, especially in front of your children.
5. Never leave a vacuum of attention with your marriage companion that could be replaced with something or someone else.
6. Endeavor to give any criticisms in a loving and careful way.
7. Be a careful listener.



**4. Fourth responsibility within the marriage: be good stewards of what God has given you**

1. Live within your means regardless of what that may require
  - a. Romans 13:8 “\_\_\_\_\_ no many anything”
2. Don't overload yourselves financially
  - a. 1 Timothy 6:6-8 “But godliness with \_\_\_\_\_ is great gain.  
For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain that we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment, let us therewith be content.
3. Be wary of credit cards and impulse buying
  - a. Proverbs 22:7 “... the \_\_\_\_\_ is servant to the lender.”

**Discussion:**

- 1. Why do you think that the Bible commands both husband and wife to honor each other?**
- 2. Why is it important to speak well of a spouse in front of others? In front of children?**
- 3. Why and how can we be attentive to our spouse?**
- 4. How can a spouse honor their partner? How can we honor our brothers and sisters in the Lord?**
- 5. How can we make certain that we live within our financial means?**