

Christian Marriage

A HUSBAND IS TO LOVE HIS WIFE AND A WIFE IS TO RESPECT HER HUSBAND IN RETURN!

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A BALANCE OF LOVE AND RESPECT

Yes, there is a great need to Balance Love and Respect in Marriage. A Wife needs to know that She is Loved Unconditionally. A Husband needs to know that He is Respected for who He is and the Care He provides for His Wife.

I have seen imbalance in both directions. On the one hand a Man 'loves' his wife as yielding to Her in everything, only to be disrespected and taken advantage of as if he were a softie and a pushover.

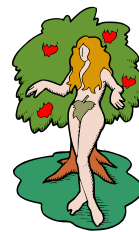
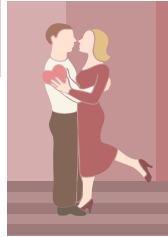
On the other hand a Wife is under duress to Respect the Husband who does

not make loving her a priority in his life.

Sloppiness of grace in love— or harshness of law concerning Respect. Both of these need to be Balanced.

JESUS CHRIST Was Full Of **Grace and Truth!** A PERFECT BALANCE OF BOTH!

With love 'to Liberal', the Husband establishes no Boundaries for His Respect, and the Wife grows more restless and 'fenceless'. She begins to taste fruit that is off bounds. And His will and wishes become Second Place; as He makes his wife 'First Place' in the Marriage. This seems



to be right to him, because in Love, He wants to Serve Her. But it upsets the Order of the Christian Family and places upon Her shoulders the Responsibility of Leadership which is predominantly His to Own and Carry.

As he takes Second Place to Her, She begins to lose Respect for him, because She feels more vulnerable to the outside world. While he feels more like a failure in the Leadership of the Marriage. This is exactly where Adam failed to protect Eve in the Garden of Eden, he Took Second Place and failed!

How to Balance Respect and Love in Marriage

I will not leave you defenseless, there is an Answer to this riddle: We have the Perfect Example in **JESUS** the bride-Groom. His Love for His Church (Bride) is Strong and Constant En-route to her Perfection and Completion. While Her Respect for Him sets

Him as Her Constant Leader in this 'Marriage Relationship'.

JESUS does not fail to love His Church, and His Church maintains constant Respect for Who He is and what He

has Provided for His Bride.

As Husband, love your Wife in view of Her Perfection In **CHRIST**. As Wife Respect your Husband in view of His Position Under **CHRIST**.

