



Secrets to a Successful Marriage

Principle number Twenty-Four

Men and Woman are Different

Men fundamentally operate on logic. They are more general in their thinking. Women fundamentally operate on emotion. They are more detailed in their thinking. When a man says 'I love you,' he determines to show it by providing for you and protecting you. When a woman says 'I love you,' she feels the emotion of love in her heart. A woman may ask her husband if he loves her and he will say, "Do I go to work every day and take care of this family?" His definition of love is to provide and protect. A wife may say to her husband, "Tell me you love me" and he will say, "I love you". Then she may say, "You are just saying that but you don't feel it when you say it!" The wife is absolutely right. He does not feel it. He is not wired like a woman. In his mind he proves his love by providing for and protecting his family. A man certainly has emotions but do not expect him to feel like a woman feels. If you do you will be very disappointed. A man operates by logic. Just simply tell him what you want and if he truly loves you he will do. If you want him to hold your hand while you are walking, tell him. If you want him to open the car door for you, tell him. If you want him to tell you he loves you, tell him. He is not wired like a woman. Appeal to his intellect and he will understand you. Appeal to him emotions and he has no clue. If he complies with your request he loves you. You may want to appeal to his ego when telling him what you want. You may say something like, "Honey you would make me feel like a queen if you would open the car door for me." Once you get him doing it you may have to remind him from time to time until you get him trained to be a gentleman. I told all my daughters, "It will be up to you to make life special for your family". My wife is the center of our family. She makes sure we celebrate every birthday. She decorates the inside of the house every Christmas and informs me that it's my job to decorate outside the house. She plays Christmas music the entire month of December. She makes all the special occasions special. Woman listen to me most men are not going to make life special that will be your job. Just tell the man what you want and if he loves you, he will do it.

At Time to Reflect

1. How are you and your spouse different?
2. What is important to your spouse?
3. How can you assist your spouse in being all they can be?
4. Do you communicate with your spouse what you want?
5. Do you expect your spouse to think the way you think?