

HOW GOD WIRED MEN

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1. MEN NEED RESPECT!

³¹ "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." ³² This is a profound mystery-- but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³ However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband."
Ephesians 5:31-33

When a man feels disrespected, he is going to feel unloved.

**Respect men's judgment.
Respect their abilities.
Respect them in communication.
Respect in public.**

2. MEN ARE INSECURE!

"Despite their "in control" exterior, men often feel like imposters and are insecure that their inadequacies will be discovered."

How can women help men's insecurities: by affirming them.

¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. ¹² Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. ¹³ Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other."
1 Thessalonians 5:11-13

3. MEN ARE PROVIDERS!

For a man providing is the primary way to say, "I love you."

⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."
Hebrews 13:5

Key Points:

- a) **A man will internalize your disappointment in not having things as a personal failure to provide.**
- b) **Ladies, helping to support your husband means helping to relieve the pressure they feel rather than adding to it.**

4. MEN WANT MORE SEX!

Sex unlocks a man's emotions.

Your sexual desire for your husband profoundly affects his sense of well being and confidence in all areas of life.

"³ The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. ⁴ The wife's body does not belong to her alone but also to her husband. In the same way, the husband's body does not belong to him alone but also to his wife. ⁵ Do not deprive each other except by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control."

1 Corinthians 7:3-5

5. MEN ARE VISUAL!

"¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body."

1 Corinthians 6:18

Temptation is not a sin. How we respond to it is how we sin!

"⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-- if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-- think about such things."

Philippians 4:8

"And I want women to be modest in their appearance. They should wear decent and appropriate clothing and not draw attention to themselves by the way they fix their hair or by wearing gold or pearls or expensive clothes."

1 Timothy 2:9

6. MEN ARE UNROMANTIC CLOUDS!

"¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ."

Ephesians 4:15

7. MEN CARE ABOUT APPEARANCE!

"⁴ The wife's body does not belong to her alone but also to her husband. In the same way, the husband's body does not belong to him alone but also to his wife." 1 Corinthians 7:4

Action Step

Husbands and wives should schedule a date night and talk about this material.

Everyone in the family should do their weekly bible study!