

# CHECKLIST FOR CHRISTIAN HUSBANDS

## I. HOW AM I DOING AS A SACRIFICIAL LOVER TO MY WIFE?

1. How am I doing at giving up my rights, pleasures, and comforts to love my wife?
2. When was the last time I set aside my time and agenda to please her?
3. What concrete ways have I died to myself in loving my wife?
4. Am I regularly "washing her with the Word of God"? Do I apply it to my life?
5. Do I regularly present her before the throne of grace in prayer?
6. Is it my clear goal to present her as a holy woman of God to Christ on Judgement Day?
7. How often do I tell her that I love her? Does it ring hollow or true?

## II. HOW AM I DOING AS A PRACTICAL LOVER?

1. Am I providing for my wife's and family's financial needs?
2. Is our home safe and secure? Do repairs need to be made? Do I fix them quickly?
3. Am I better at pointing out my wife's weaknesses and attacking her than I am at pointing out her strengths and praising her? Do I even know my wife's strengths?
4. Do I see clearly that my wife is "weaker" than I am physically/emotionally and thus am not critical/ridiculing of her when she cannot keep up with me?
5. How much do I know about a woman's body and physical problems?
6. Is my lovemaking sensitive and giving – or – selfish, quick and "gimme-gimme"?
7. When was the last time I fixed something without being asked?
8. Count up how many hours I give to my job (include commute time and "think time") and how many hours I give to my God and my covenanted wife.
9. Do I talk with my wife? Do I really listen to what she says? (Have I fallen into the mind-set that only what I am doing is important and worth talking about?)
10. Am I a student of my wife? Do I know her better than she knows herself at times?

## III. HOW AM I DOING AS THE HEAD OF MY HOME?

1. Do I consciously know that God Himself called me to this role as head of my home?
2. Am I seeking my Father's approval or my wife's approval first?
3. Am I taking the initiative in spiritual things? In financial things? In relationships?
4. Do I take the lead in loving, nurturing, training and disciplining the children?
5. Do we have family devotions? If not, when can I begin?
6. Do my wife and children speak respectfully to me (and about other authorities)?
7. If I was called home to heaven tonight, would my regular practice and current plans for leading my family bring my Heavenly Father's praise or rebuke?
8. What changes must take place in my leadership to enable me to be a faithful head of my home? What are my convictions? What are my goals? Can I list them to others?
9. Is my wife generally submissive or a rebel? Have I told her that clearly?
10. Do I explain my decisions well? Do I invite discussion? Do I pray with her about it?

**Resurrected Reformed Baptist Church**

*Marriage Recognition Sunday*

February 15, 2009

*Pastor Eddie D. Jacks*