

MARRIED TO A
STRONG
MAN



Sister Libby Doe

MARRIED TO A STRONG MAN
Copyright © 2024 Libby Doe

ISBN 979-8-3362-1181-8

All Rights Reserved. No portion of this publication may be reproduced, stored in an electronic system, or transmitted in any form by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopy, recording, or otherwise, without the prior permission of the author.

All scripture quotations in this book are from the
New King James Version
of the Bible unless otherwise identified.

A.I. images created with Stable Diffusion.

Printed in the U.S.A.

***Dedicated first to my children
Who I severely damaged
Through my own ignorance.***

***I am so sorry.
But I am also so grateful that
You have all matured so marvelously
And have extended me much grace.***

***May you all learn from my mistakes
So you don't make them yourselves.***

I love you all so much!

***And of course, to my wonderful
STRONG MAN HUSBAND.***

***You are everything to me.
Thank you for your patience,
That I did not deserve.***

***And thank you for being you,
My Strong Man,
God's Strong Man!***



Table of Contents

1.	Defining a Strong Man	9
2.	Why This Book Had to be Written	13
3.	My Journey in Writing this Book	17
4.	Confessions of a Recovered Feminist	23
5.	Pros and Cons of Being Married to a Strong Man . .	31
6.	You Are A Beautiful Woman	35
7.	Being an Emotionally Weak Woman.	47
8.	It Matters How You Take Things	53
9.	Extreme Polarity Between Strong Men and Beautiful Women	57
10.	How to Make A Strong Man Hate You	63
11.	The Big Three Don'ts	69
12.	He's So Intimidating	75
13.	You Are Married To A King.	83
14.	How to Ruin Your Kids	89
15.	Communication with a Strong Man	95
16.	Some Attributes of Strong Men	99

17. Meaningless Drama	111
18. The 5 Love Languages (and the extra 1 you didn't know about)	117
19. The Vulnerability of Strong Christian Men	135
20. Ancient Strong Men Had Multiples Wives	139
21. Familiarity Breeds Contempt.	143
22. Magnifying Your Value	147
23. A Couple of Fascinating Scriptures	159
24. You Really Only Have Two Roles	171
25. Where Confusion Comes From.	177
26. Is It Really All My Fault?	181
27. Your Glorious Future	187

INTRODUCTION

This book is only written for the wives of “strong men.” Now, you might want to think your husband is a strong man, and maybe he is strong in some ways, but unless he checks all the boxes on the next page, then you should not read this book. In fact, if you can’t check off 100% of the boxes on the next page, then by the definition I am using, your husband is not a “Strong Man” and therefore the advice I give in this book could be harmful to your marriage. Now, just because you can’t check off all the boxes below, that doesn’t mean your husband is weak or that he is bad or anything negative whatsoever. It just means that he is not the type of “Strong Man” that I am describing and the material I share will not be relevant to you and, like I said, my advice could be harmful to you.

In other words, the material in this book is *conditional*. It can and should only be applied to a “Strong Man” as defined in the next chapter. So please read the next chapter on the next page and only move forward beyond that, *if* you can honestly and safely check every single box on that page. This information is simply not for everyone...



Defining a Strong Man

Do not read any further in this book if you can't check every single box below. My Husband is:

- Emotionally stronger than me.
- Mentally stronger than me.
- Spiritually stronger than me.
- Physically stronger than me.
- Intellectually more advanced than me.
- The sole income provider.
- He handles the finances.
- He leads other people in some professional capacity (business owner, civil leader, Pastor, coach, etc.)
- Other people are generally and naturally drawn to him for leadership, advice, or counsel.
- He is not financially poor and has not provided a poor lifestyle for you and your family.
- He has more than one skill-set or knowledge-base in which he is very advanced (music, history, science,

1 - Defining a Strong Man

government, law, health, medicine, theology, mechanics, engineering, etc.). *The key is more than one.* If he is an advanced pianist, for example, but nothing else; then don't check the box.

- He does not cry often or easily.
- He does not like to stay still, but he likes to travel, explore, discover, and learn.

If you checked *all* the boxes above, and I mean *all* of them, then congratulations—you *are married to a Strong Man!* Your marriage has likely been an interesting one. In fact, I can predict with laser accuracy exactly the type of marriage and relationship you have had with your Strong Man husband, just by knowing about you.

You see, Strong Men are almost 100% alike. They all act, think, and operate the same. They fit a specific type of behavioral pattern that is very easy to identify and even easier to predict. Sure, they can have wildly different personalities one from another, but their behaviors and decision-making processes are entirely predictable. Particularly, Strong Men that are Christians, in other words, Strong Christian Men (SCM), are remarkably predictable. And that is what this book is all about. It is about Strong Christian Men. (*NOTE - I will use the acronym SCM sometimes in this book to refer to Strong Christian Men.*)

I can tell you this: *if you are married to one, you are among the top 1% of the most blessed women in the world. **But the manner in which you handle that blessing will determine your level of happiness, and more importantly, the fruitfulness of your husband, the bliss of your relationship, and the blessings of your posterity.***

In short, if you are going to have a great marriage, with

1 - Defining a Strong Man

fruitful children, and a husband who realizes and achieves his maximum potential, it will be so because of you.

Contrariwise, if your marriage is painful, frustrating, and emotionally distraught, and your children are rebellious or weak or don't bear solid Christian fruit, and if your husband is unable to constantly progress and continually achieve his goals and realize his full potential; it will likewise be that way because of you.

So strap in and be prepared because you are about to have a multitude of light bulb moments where the light bulb goes off in your head and you say to yourself, "oh, that's why," or "that makes so much sense," and "now I understand," and even the dreaded, "it's all my fault." But this book is not written to make you feel bad, on the contrary it is written to help you live victoriously, but most of all, it is written to prevent you from hindering your Strong Christian Man.

SIDENOTE: It is very possible that your husband checks off many boxes but not all of them. If that is the case, it is possible that your husband is on his way to become a strong man, especially if he is very young. If your husband checks off all but 1 or 2 boxes and he is in his 20s, then there is a strong likelihood that he is on his way towards becoming a "Strong Man." But for now, he is not. Perhaps you should revisit this book in 5-10 years.



Libby Doe



Why This Book Had to be Written

As I normally do with my books, I will do my best to keep this book short. I have enough material to make this a 1,000 page book with worksheets and diagrams and stories and anecdotes and more. But I have chosen not to do that. I don't want any women thinking that they have to learn so much complicated information in order to bear fruit from the content of this book. On the contrary, everything I will teach is simple, to the point, and to my most earnest desire, it is supported by Biblical principles.

I just want to share what I've learned and I want to help women succeed in their marriages to Strong Christian Men. Why? Because Strong Men are the ones who change the world. Strong Men are the ones that fight against tyranny. Strong Men are the ones that bring healing to a sick world and restoration to a dysfunctional generation.

As our world continues to drive at warp speed off the cliffs of insanity and into the sea of corruption, the only hope we have as a society, or even as the race of humanity, is for Strong Men to rise up and to, for lack of better terms, *do their thing*.

2 - Why This Book Had to be Written

While history has never shown large groups of people or giant organizations rising up to stem the tide of tyranny, insanity, or depravity; history is replete with the stories of Strong Men who rise up in the midst of evil and wickedness and change things. It is what they do.

From Abraham to Moses, Joshua, David, the Apostle John and the Apostle Paul (and the rest of the Apostles), to Galileo Galilei, Martin Luther, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Martin Luther King, Mahatma Gandhi, to Ronald Reagan and so many others; it is Strong Men who shape our society and most importantly, who prevent us from falling completely into total depravity and destruction from whence there is no returning. They don't even always have to be Christians or believers, God can use a strong King Cyrus as well as he can use a strong Winston Churchill to accomplish His Will and save or restore the people.



2 - Why This Book Had to be Written

The Bible explains this to us quite well in a simple message taught by Jesus Himself: **Matthew 12:29** *“Or how can one enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.”*

This world is supposed to be protected by Strong Men. Your country should be protected by Strong Men. Your state, your city, your community, your house, your children, your church, your faith, your government, your courtrooms, and your society altogether should be protected by Strong Men. The only way that the enemy can spoil, harm, or destroy these institutions, systems, and people is to “first bind the strong man.”

But here’s the problem, by nature and by definition, you can’t bind a strong man. He is too strong. So, since the enemy can’t bind a Strong Man because of his strength, he must do one of two things:

1. Prevent strong men from being in positions of leadership in society where they can protect those under their leadership (this is done primarily through false ideologies and belief systems).
2. Find and exploit the Strong Man’s weakness.

And this is where you and I come in, my dear, lovely lady who is married to a Strong Man. Because **YOU** are your husband’s weakness. All heroes have a weakness. Even Superman had kryptonite. And for a Strong Man, that weakness is his wife. It is you. You are your husband’s kryptonite.

Therefore the only real obstacle that stands in the way of our world and society being restored, healed, and protected, is the slew of unbiblical Christian wives who, by

2 - Why This Book Had to be Written

virtue of their attitudes and treatment of their husbands, are hindering the Strong Men that God has provided us from “doing their thing” and essentially saving the world.



Only the wives of Strong Men have the power to bind them.

In the same way that the Bible teaches us that “one sinner *destroys* much good,” (Ecclesiastes 9:18) it is also true that one Strong Man can do so much good! So every single last Strong Man counts! Just **one** is sometimes all we need.

Remember, Strong Men by definition cannot be stopped by some weak enemy. But YOU, as your husband’s wife, have the power, influence, and ability to hinder him as *you are his greatest weakness*.

That is why this book had to be written—because harmful women who are married to Strong Men are literally the only thing that stands in the way of the rest of us all being saved. So please, read on, take heed, and obey what God teaches us in the Bible.

My Journey in Writing this Book

I don't want to bore you with my story, but I must tell you enough of it in order for this book to have its maximum effect. You see, I'm not the same woman I used to be. Most of this book is written because God slapped me around continuously and gave me a second chance at my marriage. What do I mean by that?

Well, I was destroying my *Strong Christian Man* husband. Literally destroying him. I blamed everything on him, but truly, everything was my fault. And instead of my husband conquering the enemy, obliterating evil, and advancing God's Kingdom, all of his energy was wasted on me. Just fighting my negative energy all the time. I was contentious and incompetent and all I did with my time was find new things to be pitiful about and to fight my husband about.

Then one day I got a revelation! Isn't that how the story always goes? Okay, I guess that's not entirely true. I didn't get a revelation "one day." It was more of a journey. I went on a journey, and over a period of time, I slowly, piece by piece, began to recognize the errors of my way. It was here a little, there a little. Precept upon precept, line upon line

3 - My Journey Writing this Book

(Isaiah 28:10). And ultimately, I could see it all clearly.

And when I did, you could say I had a complete breakdown. I guess psychologists call it a *nervous breakdown*. But for me it was just an episode of emotional distress where I had to come to a place of total repentance recognizing the irreversible damage I had done to my husband, my children, my family, and ultimately, to the Kingdom of God. It was an ugly realization. And it was an awful feeling, like one where I felt the power of evil in a physical form, that I never want to experience again! And the worst part was, that this evil was not something that was *attacking* me (though it felt like it) but it was something that *was* me. I was the one that had to repent. I was the one that had to change.

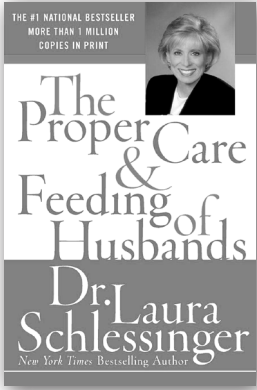
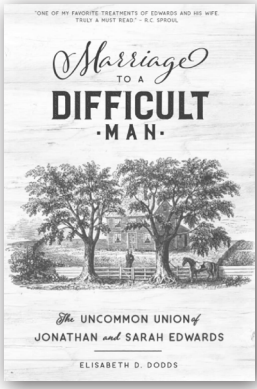


And so I did! And the results have been nothing short of miraculous. I guess I could say that I never had any concept of the true power and influence of one woman. But now I know. Now I get it.

Now, I did not come to this place on my own or all of the sudden. There were many people, resources, and moments that led up to it. My hope and prayer is that this book will be a sufficient resource for you to be able to get it done ALL AT ONCE. In other words, I hope you don't have to take a 10 year journey, have multiple experiences, read many books, and counsel with dozens of people, just to overcome. I hope and pray that you can read this book and that it will be sufficient. Because I will include everything I have learned in this single resource for you!

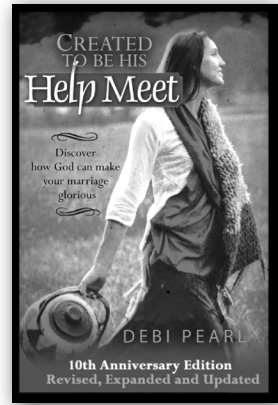
3 - My Journey Writing this Book

For what it's worth, some of the major resources that helped me along the way were, the following 3 books:

- **The Proper Care and Feeding of Husbands by Dr. Laura Schlessinger.** This was and is a very good book. It's a secular book and is mostly only focused on good, traditional values, and helping weak women who are tarnished by modern, western immorality and bad thinking, to become more happy, peaceful, wives. It's not a perfect book, but it is highly recommended!
- 
- **Marriage to a Difficult Man (The Uncommon Union of Jonathan and Sarah Edwards).** This book was a real eye opener! It clearly shows the power and influence of a Biblical Strong Man (i.e. Jonathan Edwards) and how God uses Strong Men who are at once, strong and powerful, yet deeply flawed. This book clearly demonstrates that ultimately, it is the virtue of a virtuous wife (or the hindrance of a weak wife) who either hinders her man from becoming the Strong Man God called him to be, or blesses him as a godly and supportive wife, who raises remarkable children through her femininity, godliness, and grace.
- 

3 - My Journey Writing this Book

- **Created to be His Helpmeet by Debi Pearl.** This is an excellent book, that I believe every married christian woman should read. Actually, every Christian teenage girl should read it. It is one of the best books on Christian living for women ever written. However, as excellent as this book is, it only categorizes men into three groups and doesn't address the specific and unique needs of *Strong Christian Men*.



I was also fortunate to have a couple of mentors both inside and outside of my church. But to help to maintain privacy and to also make the flow of my writing more even and simple, I will refer to these mentors as a single woman, Sister Naomi.

So this all brings me back to why this book had to be written. To be blunt and honest with you, this book had to be written because I was a very weak and negative woman that almost killed my Strong Christian Man. Not *killed* him in a literal or spiritual sense, but I absorbed all of his bandwidth. I killed his potential, his calling, and his effectiveness. The thing about a Strong Man is that he is more driven with purpose than the average man. He is a leader. He will always have a special and unique mission or mission(s) beyond that of a typical man. And usually it is a high calling that God has given him to accomplish. And a Strong Man will be driven to accomplish it, and he usually will accomplish it dutifully and powerfully. That is, unless, his wife can kill him. Or better stated, she can *kill his ability to fulfill his calling*. Because only one person has the power

to stop a Strong Man, and that is his wife. And that was me. I was killing and stopping my husband from fulfilling his life's calling(s) and I never realized it.

God was merciful to me and showed me the error of my way, and now I want to share this wisdom with the rest of the world. And I also believe God wants me to share it with you, as well.

THE ULTIMATE AND FINAL IMPETUS

The final impetus that drove me to write this book, after first consulting with my husband and getting his advice, wisdom, direction, and permission, was the COVID pandemic. My husband fought valiantly against the tyranny during that time, as did many others (and no, we did not close our church down), but overall, the first thing that came to mind when this worldwide tyranny came down on us all was: *where are all the Strong Men?*

I have never seen such a universal display of weakness amongst so-called leadership, particularly in the church, and generally amongst men as a whole.

I couldn't believe it! I still can't believe it. History will never be able to properly record just how pathetic and pitiful the response of men and male leadership was during the time of COVID tyranny. Think about it, how many men do you personally know, that you could say acted like genuine Christian leaders and **Strong Men** during that time? How many men do you personally know stood up to the mask mandates, to police tyranny, political tyranny, and medical tyranny?

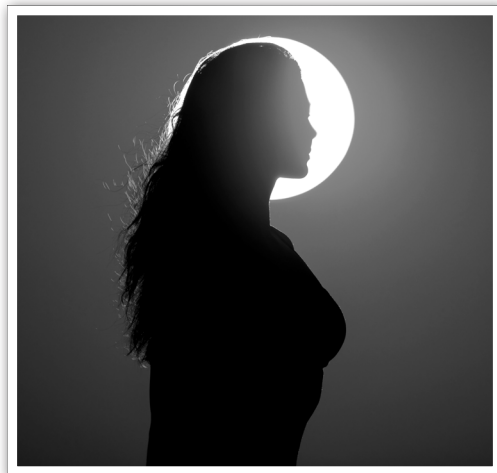
On the contrary, it was on the order of 99% or more of Christian churches followed suit with all the tyranny and obeyed whatever the government told them to do.

3 - My Journey Writing this Book

Churches closed their doors and went online. Weak and pathetic Pastors feared a virus more than they feared God. I could go on and on, but I don't have to. You remember. We all lived through this together!

And that's when it hit me: *we women, as feminists in the church, have so neutered our Strong Men, that we no longer have leaders to lead us into the promised land.* And if we don't fix this problem now, we have essentially **no hope**. It was then that I realized that the problem is not that Strong Men don't exist (because it is God Himself who calls them, and God will not leave this world without his own divinely called leadership); rather, it is the fact that Strong Men's weaknesses have been exploited and thereby have prevented Strong Men from "doing exploits" (Daniel 11:28) and leading us out of tyranny.

We women who are married to these Strong Men are that weakness. **We are the problem.** And if we can fix this problem so that Strong Christian Men are once again FREE to lead and accomplish their God-given missions, ministries, and "exploits," then the future bears nothing BUT HOPE for both the church and for all mankind!



Confessions of a Recovered Feminist

Before you can receive from me, it is only fair that I tell you a little bit about who I am and why I feel qualified to write this book. Because I will admit, this book can get pretty heavy at times. It is not because I am speaking in a heavy-handed fashion as I am simply sharing Biblical truth with you.

But my style can be strong and abrasive because I feel like I am fighting against a terrible spirit that I once possessed and that I now hate with everything that is within me.

You see, I am a recovered feminist. Yes, I have always been a Christian woman. I was raised in a Christian family and I have always gone to church and have always done my best to be godly and to act like a Christian, but the truth be told, I was a feminist at heart.

I can't pinpoint exactly where I got this attitude or belief-system from, as my Mom was not like I was. Okay, she leaned in that direction, but she was not a complete feminist like I was. I can only assume that I learned my ways simply from our culture and from public school. We are a

4 - Confessions of a Recovering Feminist

“liberated” society and America is basically controlled by the spirit of feminism. We have been baptized, as a culture, into the spirit of feminism. And I was a like a high priestess in this cult.

I truly believed I was better than any man. I believed I was stronger, smarter, and more capable than any man. And I expressed my attitude at every opportunity. I was a corporate minded, ambition driven woman who earned a good salary mostly because of the degree I had earned (after going into debt and wasting 4 years of my life in college).

When I left college, I married a young man who was my age and attended the same church. He was a good man, but very simple minded. He was a blue collar, working man, who went to work every day, worked hard, and brought home his paycheck happily to take care of me and the two kids we eventually had together.

And though I would never speak one ill word of him, I must confess that I pretty much ran the house. I controlled the finances. I paid the bills. I told him what we would do and would not do. And quite frankly, he didn't seem to mind. We were married for 5 years when he got sick with cancer. Unfortunately, he had “good insurance” and was able to go to doctors and specialists who prescribed him all kinds of treatments, that I now know were not only unnecessary, but were likely the cause of his untimely death. And I hate myself because I demanded of him that he do, “Whatever the doctors tell you to do.”

Well my husband obeyed both me and the doctors and in less than a year he was dead. This left me as a widowed, single mother of two young children, who was absolutely devastated, heart-broken and hopeless.

For the first time in my adult life, I didn't feel like I had

4 - Confessions of a Recovering Feminist

it all under control. I didn't feel like I was in charge and able to do anything and everything. I felt lonely, hurt, and vulnerable. And I just wanted my husband back.

During that time, I was unable to financially take care of our needs, so I moved out of the state and back into my parents home so they could help me with our kids. And then we started attending a new church where I met an old lady, that we will just call, Naomi.

Naomi took me in under her wing and gave me encouragement and helped me to recover emotionally. And after watching her guide me and help me through my troubled time, I began to realize how drastically different she was than me.



I was blessed to have Naomi take me under her wing.

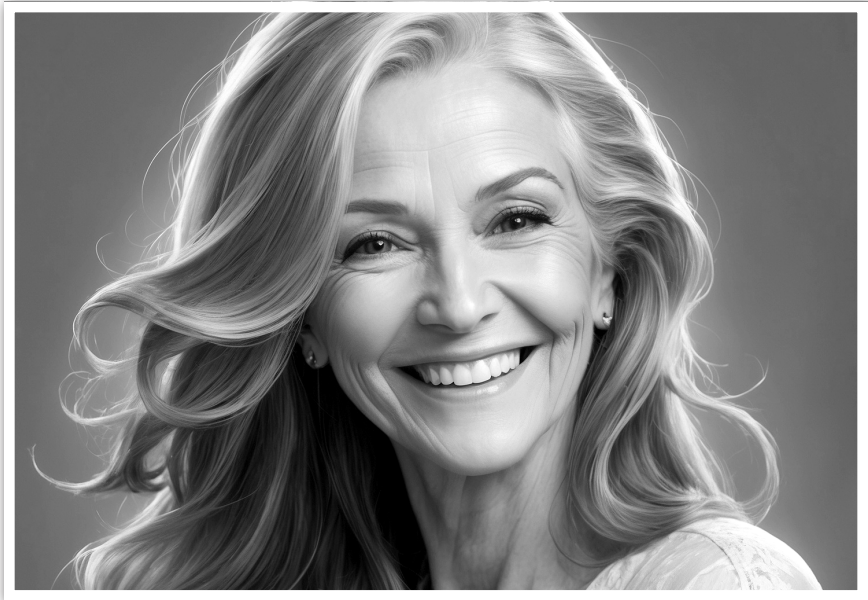
Naomi was old, but remarkably gorgeous. She didn't have blue hair that was cut short like most old ladies. Her hair was silver, long, and beautiful. Her words were so kind and so uplifting, and she seemed to exude a calm power that I could not explain. It seemed like no matter how frantic and out of control I was, when I came into her

4 - Confessions of a Recovering Feminist

presence, her feminine power just put a heavy blanket on my spirit and calmed me down. I desperately wanted what she had and I asked her to teach me her ways.

This began a year long process or so, of her mentoring me like Mr. Miyagi and Daniel-san in the Karate Kid. I don't know any other way to explain it.

Naomi was the epitome of femininity, and she literally rescued me out of the bondage of feminism. I didn't realize how deeply ingrained feminism was in me until I met Naomi. But by God's grace, she helped me to overcome it.



Naomi is one of the most beautiful women I have ever met!

In time, I learned to HATE feminism with a passion. I particularly hate feminism in Christian women, because we Christian women think so highly of ourselves that we don't even realize how many feminist beliefs and habits we have.

Well to make a long story short, my Pastor's wife had a terrible accident and ultimately ended up passing away. It

4 - Confessions of a Recovering Feminist

was fairly traumatic. Remarkably, after she died, it seemed like every woman on the planet was starting to line up wanting to be the next Pastor's wife.

And while it never even dawned on me at the time, I understand why all of these women wanted him. He was definitely a Strong Man. He was a leader, a singer, a Bible scholar, he speaks Greek and Hebrew, and had seemingly endless amounts of talents and skills. He was also independently wealthy having sold a business in his early years which allowed him to live off of the profits and investments that he made from them. So he literally served as the Pastor of the church without receiving any compensation from the church. He served just from his heart and not for any financial gain. And yes, he was so handsome!

I mean, what woman wouldn't want him? But for me, it was very odd to think of the Pastor that way. I mean, he's a man of God, right? I shouldn't be romantically interested in him and neither should any of these other women!

Well let me just tell you that it seemed like the pressure started mounting for him to find and marry a new wife, particularly with so many women after him. It all seemed to happen so fast...

At this point, I was a completely different woman than the feminist psychopath who had married the happy-go-lucky blue collar worker from Texas. I was pretty much a fully recovered feminist who now did everything I could to exalt femininity and to act like a real lady, the same way Naomi taught me.

But I was still very insecure. When I was young, I knew I was very beautiful and I loved to hit the beach in a bikini. Then, I got married and had 2 kids and my post-baby body made me feel very insecure. I was not as beautiful as I used

4 - Confessions of a Recovering Feminist

to be. And I was also damaged goods, being a widow and having the baggage of two children. The last thing I ever imagined was that I could marry the Pastor!

Plus, he was really intimidating. I mean, everybody looks up to him and respects him and he's usually the smartest man in any room that he walks into. So, I just never even considered making a move. But Naomi had different plans for me.

You could say she became like Naomi in the Bible for a moment, and gave me instructions on how to connect with the Pastor and make my availability known unto him, much like Naomi did for Ruth in the Bible.

Without getting into any additional details, we did eventually get married. It still puts me in shock to think about it all. Like I said, it just happened so fast. But now, nearly 25 years later, we're still married and I have learned more about marriage and Biblical roles than I ever imagined.

And most specifically, because of my experience as a feminist married to a working class man, contrasted with my new identity as a meek-and-quiet feminine Christian wife married to a Biblical Strong Man, I felt and recognized the need to share what I have learned with all of my sisters in God's Kingdom.

Because I learned a lot. And I learned that I really, truly, hurt and damaged my first husband, and I am probably ultimately responsible for his death. It's really difficult to describe how heavy that weighs on somebody. In this case, how heavy it weighed on me. I also recognize how I hindered my second husband, but by God's grace I was able to overcome the errors of my ways and finally put myself in the proper position to be blessed from my marriage to a Strong Man.

4 - Confessions of a Recovering Feminist

You see, although I can say today, that I have a new identity as a “meek-and-quiet feminine Christian wife married to a Strong Christian Man,” I definitely didn’t start out that way. In fact, I now recognize that for years, I was the number one hindrance to my Strong Christian Man, and I nearly led him to the point of absolute devastation. My husband is not perfect, don’t get me wrong. He is flawed like all men are. But he is a genuine and legitimate “Strong Man,” and I was not able to handle that properly. As a result, I spent years hindering his calling, destroying our relationship, and poisoning our children against him.

Sure, if you would see us on the outside, everything looked fine. But secretly, in the privacy of our home and our family life, I was destroying everything brick by brick.

Proverbs 14:1 “The wise woman builds her house, But the foolish pulls it down with her hands.”

And what was the ultimate cause for all of this? *It was feminism*. And it was in me. I had to get it out. And honestly it was like an exorcism. Like there was a demonic spirit of feminism that had to be cast out of me. I know that sounds dramatic and extreme, but I really believe that is how strong this spirit of feminism is. And think about it: *this is the spirit that is stopping Strong Men from saving the world!*

So now you know my story, and I hope you’ll go with me on your own journey so that you too can experience the same liberty, freedom, and salvation that I found and experienced by God’s grace!



Pros and Cons of Being Married to a Strong Man

There is a huge responsibility put on the shoulders of women who are married to Strong Men. But it is not a responsibility like what you're thinking. Your "responsibility" is not the type of responsibility where you have to achieve some great or difficult thing. On the contrary, your responsibility is simply to NOT HARM something that is already great. But that's a *great responsibility!*

Imagine you were given the responsibility of guarding the Constitution of the United States in the National Archives. All you had to do was stand guard and not damage it. You don't have anything to achieve or work hard at. You just have to not harm what you've been given. That's it. It's a great responsibility, but it's also a great honor.

That's what it is like being married to a Strong Man. He does all the work, your job is simply to *not* hurt him or hinder him. To use modern day terminology, if you can just *not screw things up*, you'll have a glorious life! Because truly, Strong Christian Men are the cream of the crop in terms of what's available for us women. So be grateful, you married one of God's best!

5 - Pros and Cons of Being Married to a Strong Man

THE BENEFITS/PROS OF BEING MARRIED TO A STRONG MAN:

The good news is that when you're married to a Strong Man, basically everything in life is better. There is basically not a single thing that is worse than if you were married to a "regular" guy. For example:

- Strong Men are generally more financially successful and provide for a greater standard of living for their family.
- Strong Men are generally more passionate and are better lovers.
- Strong Men are generally more concerned for the wellbeing of their children and will always make time and room for their children who they consider to be their life's legacy.
- Strong Men are adventurous and are always involved in adventures which make life more exciting.
- Strong Men are admired and respected by all and you will therefore be an automatic recipient of additional respect and admiration by others, as well.
- Strong Men are generally brought to or connected to other great men in life and society and both you and your children will be exposed to greatness and great leaders.
- Strong Men are intellectually advanced and if you are humble and hungry, you can learn so many things from your husband, things that most people will never get a chance to learn because they are not close enough to someone with such high intellect.
- Strong Men usually want their wives to be beautiful so they will support you in your feminine journey to

5 - Pros and Cons of Being Married to a Strong Man

maintain and magnify your beauty all of your days (which all women naturally desire).

And that's just to name a few things...

THE NEGATIVES OF BEING MARRIED TO A STRONG MAN

However, it's not all a bed of roses when it comes to being married to a strong man because as the old saying goes, "with great power comes great responsibility." Or in this case, with great blessings comes great responsibility. You see, if you are going to reap the benefits noted above, then:

- You can't be emotionally weak or pathetic.
- You cannot stay *stuck* like many women who refuse to change, repent, or grow.
- You may be more highly scrutinized or criticized by others.
- You have to be cautious of friendships, because many will befriend you just to get to your husband.
- You will never have the French romanticism, or chick-flick style romantic relationship you see on TV and in the movies.
- You will have to share your husband with the rest of the world, and with his calling.

You see, a Strong Man has a call on his life that goes above and beyond just providing for and protecting his family. Moses, Abraham, Jacob, Joshua, David, Daniel, and many other Strong Men in the Bible were called by God to do more than just take care of their wives and children.

5 - Pros and Cons of Being Married to a Strong Man

They had a calling on their life. And their wives therefore had to “share” their husbands with the call that God had on their life. In other words, they could not expect to have their husbands exclusively to themselves like some cheap chick-flick or romance novel would have you to believe.

No, your husband is God’s property and God will use him as he sees fit. And that means that your Strong Man husband will have the very difficult task of prioritizing his time amongst all of the myriad different duties and obligations he has.

So remember, there are pros and cons to everything. Your first thing to realize and recognize is that if you want to have a wonderful life, you should focus on the PROS and not the CONS. If you focus on the cons, you are going to get bitter over your life and your bitterness will ultimately harm your relationship with your husband.

So now let’s get ready to learn...

You Are A Beautiful Woman

Guess what? You are a beautiful woman and I know that for a fact. And no, I am not trying to play one of these silly or ridiculous “feel better about yourself” and “improve your self-esteem” psycho-babble games with you. I am talking FOR REAL. You are not only beautiful, but some of you are drop-dead gorgeous, and undoubtedly some of you are so beautiful you could be models. And at the very least, you are usually the most beautiful woman in any room you walk into and you have been beautiful for the vast majority of your life.

How do I know this? Because you are married to a Strong Man and Strong Men *always marry beautiful women.* It’s a fact. You see, by definition, a Strong Man sees life as a series of accomplishments that he must conquer one-by-one until the end of his life. And marriage is just another achievement in his list of goals that he must check off his list.

Now, don’t take offense to that. It doesn’t mean it’s not important to him. On the contrary, a Strong Christian Man typically sees his family as the most important thing

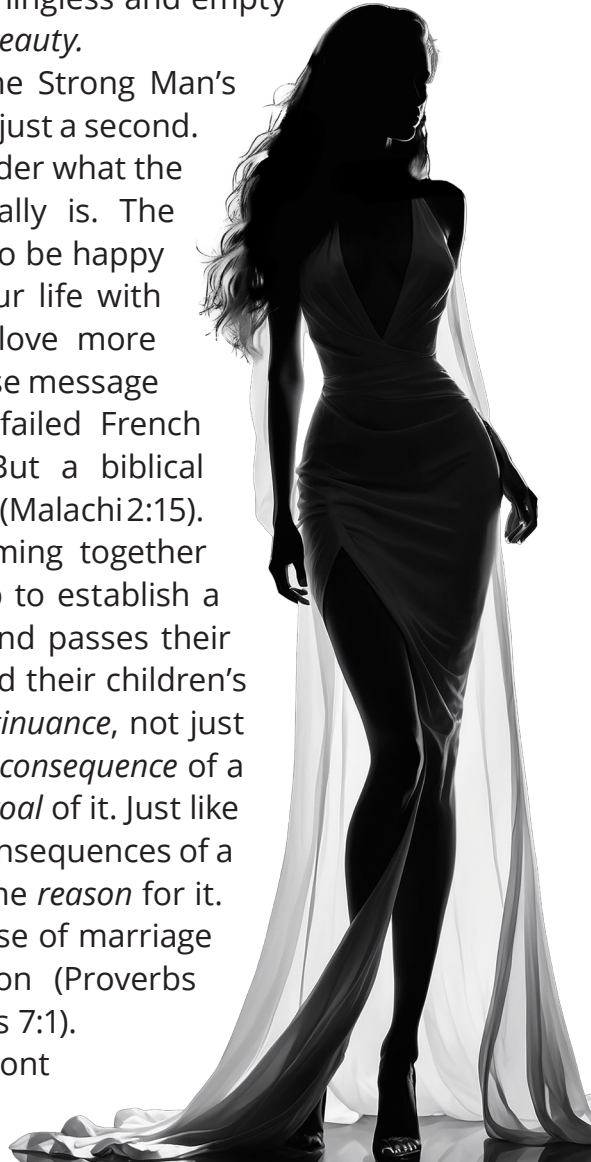
6 - You Are a Beautiful Woman

in his life. But, it does mean that he sees it as a goal or achievement and not as a “rite of passage” or an important decision to think through.

In other words, when a Strong Man decides to get married, he chooses a wife based on the singular factor that is the most meaningless and empty factor imaginable: *physical beauty*.

A beautiful woman is the Strong Man’s kryptonite and I’ll prove it in just a second. But first, I want you to consider what the purpose of marriage actually is. The purpose of marriage is *not* to be happy or to spend the rest of your life with the one person that you love more than anybody. That’s the false message of Hollywood and of the failed French ideology of *romanticism*. But a biblical marriage is all about **progeny** (Malachi 2:15). It is about two people coming together in a committed relationship to establish a family that worships God and passes their faith on to their children and their children’s children. It’s *family* and *continuance*, not just *happiness*. Happiness is the *consequence* of a good marriage but not the *goal* of it. Just like love and intimacy are the consequences of a good relationship and not the *reason* for it. To a strong man, the purpose of marriage is his name. His reputation (Proverbs 22:1). His legacy (Ecclesiastes 7:1).

And the Bible tells us upfront that this was God’s initial purpose. In fact, God said



6 - You Are a Beautiful Woman

the following about marriage, **Genesis 2:18** *“And the LORD God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.” KJV* And then in **Genesis 2:24** *“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”* So there it is. That was God establishing the institution of marriage. Then, the very first thing we see God tell mankind to do, now that the institution of marriage was established, was to go have sex and make babies. This is how he said it:



Genesis 1:27-28 *“So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”*

Now notice what God said the purpose of a wife was: **Genesis 2:18** *“And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.”* (KJV) A woman is supposed to help a man to take dominion

6 - You Are a Beautiful Woman

over the earth and specifically, raise his children.

In practice, the masculine/feminine dynamic has meant that men *provide* and *protect* the family while the wife takes care of the domestic duties. Weaker men need their wives to do a whole slew of things and fill a lot of holes in his life that he is incapable of doing so himself. The wife will need to be able to cook, clean, sew, wash, iron, fold the laundry, keep the house clean, teach the children, handle the finances, run the errands, etc. But a strong man doesn't need any of that. He can either do it all on his own, or hire it all done (Strong Men typically have more financial resources than "average" men). This doesn't mean that the wife of a strong man *shouldn't* do those things, simply that he does not *need* those things.

Additionally, by his nature, a Strong Man doesn't typically think about the "help" he needs to get things done or reach his goals. A Strong Man is used to getting things done himself or leading others to get things done. So when it comes time to choose a spouse, he simply does not look for a woman who is talented, skillful, or inclined to excel at domestic duties. And unfortunately, even Strong *Christian* Men don't look for a woman who is inherently spiritual or intensely dedicated to the worship of God or obedience to the Bible. No. Unfortunately not.

A Strong Man only looks for one thing: *physical beauty*. Why? Well, I could write an entire book about what I believe to be the psychology behind this impetus, but in the end the reality is that a strong man sees a beautiful woman as a challenge that he must conquer. Physical beauty, as much as modern women hate this to be true, is what makes a woman stand out amongst her peers. It is what, at once and in an instant, makes her more valuable in the marketplace.

6 - You Are a Beautiful Woman

Think about it this way: *strong men don't buy cheap sedans*. They don't buy Toyota Corollas or Honda Civics or a Volkswagen Jetta. If your husband is a true Strong Man, he undoubtedly drives a car that is not practical or demonstrably useful like a van or an SUV or a pickup truck. No, he has a two door sports car with little to no trunk space, and a giant engine that is loud and obnoxious, and that looks gorgeous and makes him look and feel "cool." Or he has a luxury/exotic car like a Mercedes, BMW, or Corvette. Strong men pick that which is *beautiful* instead of that which is *useful*.



Generally speaking, Strong Men don't typically buy trucks because trucks are actually useful and they have genuine utility. But a Strong Man just wants something that looks good. So, if you have a Strong Man and he does actually drive a truck, I'd be willing to bet it is a monster truck or it is something that is souped up and customized with giant tires, specialized rims, upgraded audio, a supercharged engine, or other useless features that he has to have on it because it is "cool."

Well guess what, my lovely lady, ***you are the same thing***. Regardless of how skillful, talented, intelligent, and useful you may or may not be, your husband chose you because you were *beautiful*. Because you make him look "cool" and that makes him feel good. You make him look successful

6 - You Are a Beautiful Woman

because you are beautiful. You can hate that fact if you want, but it is still a fact and that is how I know that you are beautiful without having met you.

If you are not a legitimately and objectively attractive woman, I would venture to say that your husband probably isn't an actual Strong Man and you need to go back and double-check the list in chapter one to make sure that you properly checked off EVERY SINGLE BOX in the Strong Man list.

So, while a Strong Man can appreciate love and romance and all of that, the truth is that he just wanted a beautiful woman at his side because in his subconscious mind, the sex will be better, and having a gorgeous wife demonstrates his ability to conquer. In other words, he bought a Ferrari.



How a strong man views his wife.

He got the best the marketplace had to offer.

Now the fact that your husband chose you simply because he found you to be physically attractive and quite frankly, the most beautiful woman available to him, comes with its own set of unique consequences that we will delve into for the remainder of this book. But first let me just give you a couple of Biblical examples to examine this truth.

6 - You Are a Beautiful Woman

The quintessential Strong Man in the Bible is the judge known as Samson. Everyone knows his story. And in this case the Bible tells us that he was essentially, the physically strongest man known in the entire Bible. He was so strong that he killed a lion with his bare hands (Judges 14:6)!

But we all know what his weakness was: *it was a beautiful woman*. And instead of Samson being the man of God that God had ordained him to be, the enemy exploited his weakness (Delilah—Judges 14:18) and was able to cut off his hair (his strength) and then bind the Strong Man!

David was one of the spiritually strongest men in the Bible; so much so that God made an everlasting covenant (2 Samuel 23:5) with him and David is considered one of the most important men in Bible history. But David had a weakness: *it was beautiful women*.

In fact, even though the Bible's true doctrine allows for Strong Men to have multiple wives (and David did have many wives), he saw another man's wife that was so beautiful (Bathsheba), that he actually broke God's law and committed adultery with her. While God was chastising David for this sin, God went so far as to say that if David wanted more wives that God would have given them to him (2 Samuel 12:8)! But, because David took *another man's wife*, it meant that he committed adultery and broke God's law.

Who could be stronger than the very first man ever created by the hands of God Himself? Adam was the quintessential ruler, leader, and intellectual giant; so much so that he named every creature on the planet in one day! He Himself was made in God's image, but the tragedy of the fallen world we live in today is because the great Strong Man Adam, transgressed God's law when he got his role reversed because he listened to his wife (Genesis 3:17). And could there have ever been a more beautiful woman

6 - You Are a Beautiful Woman

than the very first woman that God created with his own hands?

But the point is simple: *strong men have a common weakness and that weakness is beautiful women!*

Now that is not to say that strong men have a tendency to be unfaithful. On the contrary, Strong Christian Men, by definition, have self control and are genuinely the most spiritually adept and God-fearing men, making them the most likely to maintain their virtue. In fact, David might be the only example of a Strong Man in the Bible who broke God's law regarding marital relations. However, what is evident is that Strong Men have a weakness. While they are strong like Superman, they likewise have a kryptonite that can be exploited. And that weakness is the beautiful woman that they married.

That means that your Strong Christian Husband has a great big kryptonite-like weakness, ***and that weakness is you.***

I am writing this because you are the only thing that can stop your husband from success, achievement, accomplishment, and the realization of his full potential as a man of God, the King of his House, and of claiming his destiny as one of the mighty men of his day, a man of renown.

You are not his equal. He married you for your beauty, not your brains, skills, or talents. Your husband doesn't *need* you, he simply *wants* you. He loves you and he desires you, but make no mistake about it, he doesn't actually *need* you.

Your husband is superior to you in every single way. He is more spiritual, more knowledgeable in God's Word and His ways, he is more intelligent, he is more talented, he is emotionally stronger and more stable, and of course

6 - You Are a Beautiful Woman

he is physically stronger. He knows more about law, history, finances, science, math, civics, economics, government, and nearly every other academic subject.

In fact, anything you do well, he could probably do better if he just applied himself to learning it, and he would probably learn it faster than you and surpass you in 1/10th the time it took you to get to your level.



GOOD NEWS—you have an awesome husband! You should treasure his skillset, his abilities, his acumen, his prowess, his intelligence, and his strength! But if you're a feminist rebel, you will see your husband's skills and abilities as a competition, and you will operate from the premise that there is some battle or warfare between the sexes and that you have to try to fight your husband to prove your worth or to try to be better than him.

If you are better than him in any way other than at being feminine or being a woman, then your husband is not a Strong Man and this book is not for you.

Perhaps you have a higher "emotional intelligence" than your husband. Maybe you *feel* things more than he does. You might be better than him at feminine things or domestic duties like cooking, cleaning, organizing, designing, etc. But none of those things really matter to your husband. He can hire all of that done. And he can even hire professionals who are better than you.

But your husband *wanted* you and you should revel in that fact! Sure, he may have only wanted you initially

6 - You Are a Beautiful Woman

because you are beautiful, but what's wrong with that? A beautiful woman is a challenge or a quest for a strong man. He sees her, he wants her, and he sets out to *get her*. And he succeeded; he got you.

But you must recognize and remember that he didn't marry you because of your skillset. He wasn't thinking in practical terms of what a functional, useful, and spiritual woman you would be; or how much you would be a "helpmeet" for him. No. Strong Men don't think like that. Strong Men are not always practical. Like I already stated, they rarely buy trucks. Again, I repeat, strong men buy sports cars, exotic cars, and luxury cars. You know, cars that are totally impractical, that are very expensive to maintain, and that don't offer any real function or usefulness beyond "regular cars," other than the fact that they look amazing.



Strong men view exotic cars and beautiful women in very much the same way.

That's how strong men view women. And that, my dear sister, is how your husband viewed you when he set out to win you over as his bride.

Why is this? Well, by definition a Strong Man is a Strong

6 - You Are a Beautiful Woman

Man! And for sake of emphasis, I repeat, he doesn't need help. A woman was designed by God to be a man's "helpmeet," so therefore the stronger and more capable a man is, the less burden there is put on his wife to "help" him with the domestic duties that most women are accustomed to assuming.

A strong man really only needs a woman to "help" him do two things:

1. Satisfy him physically, sexually, and emotionally.
2. Raise his children.

If your husband needs help doing the finances, paying the bills, making decisions, being motivated, having ambition, overcoming trauma, being a leader, or anything similar; he is simply not a Strong Man and this book is not for you. Please stop reading because you could hurt yourself, your husband, or your relationship with your husband if you apply the principles of this book in a relationship where the man is not a "Strong Man."

Okay, so now that we got that out of the way and now that we know what is great about you and why your husband desires you and wanted you to become his wife, now we have to talk about the potential and common negative side of being a beautiful woman in modern times...



Being an Emotionally Weak Woman

There is a common trope about beautiful women that they are dumb, ignorant, or not very useful. This is an unfortunate stereotype, but it exists like so many other stereotypes because it is true more often than not.

Beautiful women, particularly in modern times, have been able to pass through life without facing the realities that average women have to deal with. Beautiful women get all sorts of benefits in life and are often able to move through life without struggling as much as those without the blessing of good looks.

Now, this is not to say that all beautiful women have had an easy life. Not hardly. On the contrary, many beautiful women come from abusive backgrounds, where they were molested, attacked, or abandoned. All of this ultimately leads them to have a low self-esteem and ultimately turn to the use of their beauty as their only way out of life's pain that was delivered unto them.

Unfortunately, this often leads to a reality amongst many beautiful women that can be summed up in two overriding characteristics among them:

7 - Being an Emotionally Weak Woman

1. They are generally not as academically advanced as their less beautiful contemporaries.
2. They are generally much more emotionally weak.

Now the fact that they are not academically advanced does not mean that they are stupid. Many beautiful women are intelligent, but they are usually less intelligent or educated than their peers who don't have the blessing of physical beauty. And this often creates bitterness and envy amongst their peers.

Now, an ***emotionally weak woman*** is one who can be described as *fully capable of experiencing life as a set of fickle feelings and emotions while being completely unable to control those same emotions*. I know this sounds like most women, but beautiful women, particularly in modern times, seem to be more heavily afflicted with emotional weakness.

Furthermore, an emotionally weak woman who has been indoctrinated with feminism will never be able to see her own errors.



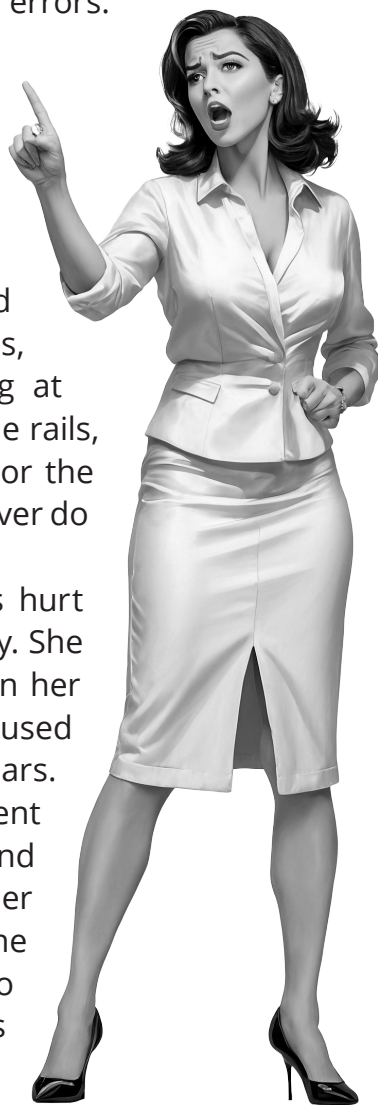
*It is unfortunate how much the attitude and spirit of **feminism** has infected the modern American Christian woman.*

7 - Being an Emotionally Weak Woman

She will never see herself as wrong. And when she finally sees her errors, she will make excuses for them or defend herself for making them, thus preventing her from ever truly acknowledging her errors.

And without recognition of sin, there is no repentance. So an emotionally weak woman with feminist indoctrination is like a runaway freight train who is destined to crash and bring all sorts of destruction with her. And when the inevitable crash happens, she'll still never see her as being at fault. She'll blame the engine, or the rails, or the conductor, or the weather, or the engineers; but one thing she will never do is *admit that she was wrong*.

You see this type of woman is hurt and damaged from her life's history. She may or may not have confidence in her own beauty, even though she has used her beauty to her advantage for years. But she's hurt. And she has spent her life trying to defend herself and protect her feelings because of her own lack of self-confidence. So she only knows how to *fight* in order to protect her own feelings. And this is one of the greatest traits of an emotionally weak woman: *she is always contentious*. She's always fighting, nagging, whining, complaining, (or forgive the



*Is it a common habit for you to bring **negative energy** and contention to your relationship with your husband?*

7 - Being an Emotionally Weak Woman

term if you find it offensive or crude), but she's always bitching about something. There's a reason why that harsh word is applied to women exclusively, and that's why I used it and highlighted it, even though it is generally not comely for a Christian woman to use such a term. But I did so intentionally, to highlight a reality that is very ugly amongst us women.

Ultimately, this reality is why it is called "emotional weakness." Previous generations of godly women were mentally weaker but emotionally stronger. In other words, they might not have been as "educated" as modern women, but they knew what their place was. They knew how to be a woman. They knew what their relationship should be with their husbands. They knew how to treat their husbands and therefore would receive the love, care, and cherishing that we women all desire. Go back and watch "Father Knows Best" or "Leave it to Beaver" and you will find examples of women, even in fictitious TV shows, who were less "educated" than modern women but emotionally much stronger and stable than women today.



*Jim and Margaret Anderson
(Father Knows Best)*



*Ward and June Cleaver
(Leave it to Beaver)*

7 - Being an Emotionally Weak Woman

You see, feminism has ruined modern day women in ways that will likely be impossible to explain or unpack. We are all so inculcated and indoctrinated with these sick feminist belief systems that they have become personality traits and habits. And traits and habits are very hard to undo.



So while it is true that women have always had a negative nature about us, and we have always been inclined to be argumentative, contentious, dramatic, and cruel; modern day women who have grown up in the post-feminist era are more uniquely habit prone to these things. In fact, modern day women are more prone to ***fight*** with their husbands over nothing than ever before in history. And nowhere can this be more damaging than in the relationship with a Strong Man. And that is for the following two reasons:

7 - Being an Emotionally Weak Woman

1. **A Strong Man generally won't put up with your nonsense.** And this just causes the cycle to continue more furiously until it ultimately brings total destruction. "Regular" guys just let their wives act crazy and run them over. But a Strong Man does not. Trying to rule over a Strong Man is as futile as kicking against the pricks (Acts 26:14).
2. **You are hindering the world by hindering your Strong Man.** He was called by God to save the world in some way. He has a calling to help and heal the world, but he can't get past his own wife. So either you will destroy his potential or you will destroy him. But as long as you stay an unrepentant, contentious woman, you will create an untold amount of destruction that only eternity can describe.

The point in all of this is simple: ***it is time to overcome and to stop being an emotionally weak woman.*** And that is what the rest of this book is all about. Are you ready? Let's go...

It Matters How You Take Things

To an emotionally weak woman, a Strong Man is cruel, harsh, insensitive, and emotionally unavailable. To a good woman, a Strong Man is a hero, a leader, and a champion, who is brave, courageous, and lovingly sacrificial. To an emotionally weak woman who does not know her place, her Strong Man is a monster. To a good woman, a Strong Man is a hero, and he is God's man.



A good woman sees her Strong Man as a hero, an emotionally weak woman sees her Strong Man as a monster.

A Strong Man will be who he is and by his own nature, he will attract a lot of followers who admire him, respect him, and are loyal to him. But he will likewise attract a lot of enemies and haters who disrespect him. So what gives?

8 - It Matters How You Take Things

How can the same man cause such a varied response from different people? Why is he so polarizing? Why do some people love him while others hate him?

Well, it all depends on how you take things. Or how you receive things. How you hear the man and how you perceive him as a person. Consider the following scripture:

2 Corinthians 2:16 *“To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life.”*

Here the Apostle Paul was describing his own ministry and he recognized that some people identified him and the other Apostles as being the “aroma of death leading to death” and others viewed them as the “aroma of life leading to life.”

But we’re talking about the same Apostles. Sure, they were all fallen men full of faults and flaws, but some men just saw them as God’s ministers who were bringing them truth, love, and salvation. Others saw them as wicked, cruel, harsh, and mean men who were bringing them words of death and cruelty. Still others saw them as no different than the Pharisees who acted and appeared righteous but inwardly were evil and wicked men.

We know and love the Apostles today, so it’s kind of hard to imagine this. But it is so that in their own day, there were people, even people amongst the church itself, who received Paul’s ministry as being evil and wicked. They viewed Paul as one who only lifted himself up and hypocritically taught the masses while he himself was a fallen man.

Yes, people saw Paul in that light while he was still alive! So, *how do you receive the leadership of your husband, your Strong Man?* I have no doubt that your husband is a fallen

8 - It Matters How You Take Things

man with lots of flaws, just like Paul, Peter, Abraham, and David. But I also have no doubt that if you're reading this book, it is because your husband is God's man, and he is a Strong Man, and a called leader to go out and do exploits right now for God's Kingdom. And the only real hindrance he has in his life is his wife who does not accept or receive him as a man of God, but sees him as the "aroma of death unto death" simply because he is exercising his own righteous nature as a Strong Man. And you, an emotionally weak woman, simply cannot handle it.

Consider that Peter said the same thing about Jesus Christ:

1 Peter 2:7-8 "Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone,' and 'A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense.' They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed."

You see, to believers, Jesus is our salvation and he is precious. But to the disobedient, he is a "rock of offense" and the reason for their stumbling.

If Jesus and the Apostle Paul could be received in a negative fashion and people in their day did not view them from the proper perspective, then it's pretty obvious that the same can happen with you and your SCM husband.

Probably the best example of this is Moses. You may remember that Israel become upset with Moses because they did not like the way that he was leading them and how he was bossing them around. So they gathered together against Moses and Aaron, and said to them, very specifically:

Numbers 16:3 "You take too much upon yourselves, for all

8 - It Matters How You Take Things

the congregation is holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the LORD?"

This is such an amazing scripture because it shows that a group of people, who were amongst God's people, looked at Moses and accused him of being proud and arrogant. They literally said that Moses exalted himself above the rest of them. However, the Bible said this about Moses:

Numbers 12:3 "Now the man Moses was very humble, more than all men who were on the face of the earth."

So God judged Moses as being the most humble man on the face of the earth. But emotionally weak, and evil-hearted Israelites judged and accused Moses of being prideful, arrogant, and overbearing.

You see, ***it matters how you take things***. What if your husband is truly a humble, honorable, and caring man of God, who, while being flawed, is executing the will of God in his life; and yet you, as an emotionally weak woman, see your Strong Man husband as a prideful, arrogant, and overbearing man who is cruel, harsh, and temperamental?

How are you going to treat him and interact with him if you see him through this negative light? And what if you're wrong? What if your husband is God's man for the hour, and you are simply an emotionally weak woman who sees your husband as the aroma of death unto death, a stone of stumbling, a rock of offense, and an overbearing, arrogant, Pharisee? What would be the consequences of that unjust perspective?

Well, we're about to find out in the coming chapters, so hold on, and get ready to do lots of repenting...

Extreme Polarity Between Strong Men and Beautiful Women

The dynamic between modern day Strong Men and modern, feminist indoctrinated, emotionally weak women, is truly an unfortunate one. Honestly, I don't think that the reality we have today is by accident. In fact, I know it is on purpose. "An enemy has done this." (Matthew 13:28).

So where we are at today is that we have created a society where the principles of feminism have risen above common sense and likewise above Biblical principles so much, that the vast majority of Christian women, myself included, exhibit and demonstrate on a daily basis, the lifestyle, actions, and attitude of full blown feminists.

This makes us absolutely horrible wives. It also makes us horrible Christians. But worst of all, for those of us who are married to Strong Men, it makes us the greatest and strongest hindrance to the Kingdom of God, as we are solely responsible for stopping God's Strong Men from doing exploits (Daniel 11:32) and advancing God's Kingdom in this Earth.

9 - Extreme Polarity Between Strong Men & Beautiful Women

THERE WAS A TIME WHEN BEAUTIFUL WOMEN KNEW THEIR PLACE

The problem is that beautiful women don't know their place anymore. They no longer know how to be meek and quiet (1 Peter 3:4) or how to be gracious or thankful to be married to a great and Strong Man.



Women used to be happy to be married to a Strong Man.

Nowadays, women are just bitter, cruel, contentious, and constantly argumentative; taking their marriage to their husbands as a competition where they constantly feel inferior and are constantly striving to prove that they are better than their husbands (or at least better than what

9 - Extreme Polarity Between Strong Men & Beautiful Women

they think their husbands think of them).

In other words, some women realize they are not at their husband's level so they don't necessarily try to compete directly with them. But they, for example, may think that their husbands view them as being a level 50 wife, so they fight forever to try to prove that they are a level 75, or even 100. And so what is the fruit of that? Well, it's constant bickering, complaining, contentions, whining, and fighting. It is emotionally exhausting for both husband and wife, but it is mostly damaging to the husband because he can't fix his wife's problems because she refuses to change. She just keeps going back into this endless cycle of fighting and defending herself even though her husband was not attacking her.

It's interesting because the Bible itself tells us in Proverbs 28:1 that *"The wicked flee when no one pursues."* And this is much like an emotionally weak woman. She flees from her husband (she acts defensively), even though her husband was not "pursuing," or attacking her.

WHEN YOU MARRY YOUNG

If you got married young, this can also exacerbate the problem and create a heavy amount of disparity between a Strong Man and an emotionally weak woman. You see, the weak woman generally never grows past the emotional immaturity of her youth. Yes, we women get older and wiser with experience, but we generally maintain the same emotional immaturity that we always had (which we usually learned as a habit from our mothers). But the Strong Man who got married young was still in the infancy of his strength. He will generally get stronger and stronger and will not reach full capacity until his 30s (just like Jesus

9 - Extreme Polarity Between Strong Men & Beautiful Women

did not begin his ministry until he was 30). So this creates a tremendous amount of disparity. In short, the Strong Man gets stronger and the emotionally weak woman gets left behind, creating a wider and wider gap between the two of them.

And here is where the problem lies; modern day women are more inclined to this type of negative behavior, and **beautiful women**, are that much more likely to be extremely weak in this regard. So the absolute worst person that an emotionally weak woman should ever marry is a Strong Man because the polarity between them will be too great. It's like a midget playing basketball with Goliath. Or like a 3rd grader trying to fight for intellectual supremacy against Solomon. It will not work and it will only frustrate both parties that are involved.

But that's the whole problem! Emotionally weak women are the worst type of women for Strong Men. Yet Strong Men often select emotionally weak women, because they are beautiful!

Strategically speaking it was a brilliant move on behalf of the enemy. He knew that the only thing that could stop his onward march into the destruction of godly fruit in this world would be Strong Men. And he knew that Strong Men exclusively only select beautiful women. So all the enemy had to do was to change beautiful women from being naturally loving, meek, and quiet (who would therefore make wonderful wives and helpmeets to their Strong Man husbands), into being emotionally weak, contentious, sociopaths, hell-bent on destroying their husbands in order to preserve their own feelings.

And the strategy worked! So now we have feminism as a part of society, and the most beautiful amongst us seem to often be the worst examples of this destructive spirit.

9 - Extreme Polarity Between Strong Men & Beautiful Women

So while it seems like a hopeless scenario, I have very good and positive news. That news is this: *you have the power, all by yourself, precious lady, to fix everything!* You have the power to fix this problem and you can fix it all overnight. Literally, overnight! It doesn't take forever. You simply have to repent. You simply have to stop fighting as if you're defending yourself against an attack. Stop being contentious. Stop the bickering, the yelling, the frustration, the whining, the complaining, and the loudness. Just repent and stop all of it ***immediately***.

You literally just have to repent and become a meek and quiet woman (1 Peter 3:4). That's it. Just do that and do it now, and the rest of your life will be bliss. You can do this. You have to do this. Your husband, your children, and ultimately the world, are counting on you to do get it done!



How to Make A Strong Man Hate You

It should be obvious that you don't want your husband to hate you. However, if you don't want your husband to hate you, you should really take to heart what the Bible teaches about good wives and evil wives and choose to be the former and not the latter. Consider these scriptures:

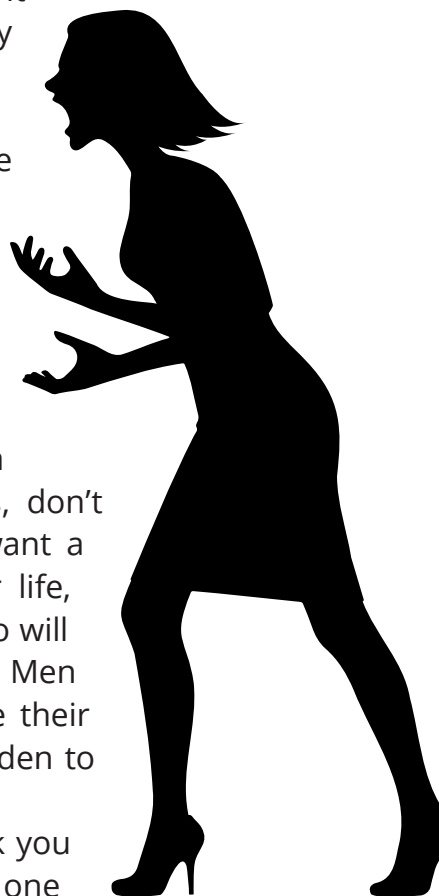
- **Proverbs 19:13** *"A foolish son is the ruin of his father, and the contentions of a wife are a continual dripping."*
- **Proverbs 21:9** *"It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop [on the flat oriental roof, exposed to all kinds of weather] than in a house shared with a nagging, quarrelsome, and faultfinding woman." (Amplified)*
- **Proverbs 21:19** *"Better to live in a desert than with a quarrelsome and ill-tempered wife." (NIV)*
- **Proverbs 25:24** *"It is better to dwell in a corner of a housetop, than in a house shared with a contentious woman." (Amplified)*
- **Proverbs 27:15** *"A continual dripping on a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike."*

10 - How to Make a Strong Man Hate You

These scripture all say essentially the same thing. They all use some different words, but they all describe a wife who is simply horrible and conclude that a man would be better off living anywhere other than with this type of woman. Most specifically, this type of woman was contentious, nagging, quarrelsome, faultfinding, and ill-tempered. Wow. It is exhausting just writing out those words. And yet, if I am honest, I know these words describe the same woman I was for the first part of my second marriage to my Strong Man. But thanks to God using Naomi and the other resources he gave me, I was able to overcome. So I know, without any question, that you can overcome it too! Also, those words describe exactly who I was during my first marriage. It makes me sick to think about. I wish I could bring my husband back from the dead and just love him and hug him and ask him to forgive me.

Now the Bible says these specific things about women, because we, as women, have it in our nature to be prone to this type of an attitude. We can call this attitude and spirit a "Jezebel" attitude or spirit. So ladies, don't be a Jezebel type of woman. Men want a helpmeet who brings peace to their life, not frustration. Men want women who will lift them up and not tear them down. Men want women who will help to relieve their stress and not become an added burden to their already unimaginable load.

In modern day terminology, I think you could sum this type of woman up with one



10 - How to Make a Strong Man Hate You



simple word: *dramatic*. This is a dramatic woman. Because what is drama other than *creating tension and emotions that are not real*? Contentions, nagging, quarrels, and the like are all just forms of drama. It is creating things that are not there. Another term we use in modern times is *toxic*.

This is toxic feminism and it exists on purpose. It is designed not just to harm men, but specifically to undermine Strong Men and to prevent them from fulfilling God's will for their lives while they spend their days trying to overcome the burden that is their wife.

Ladies, we have the power to stop this. We can stop being dramatic. We can stop being toxic. We can stop being contentious. It's literally as simple as this: **JUST STOP!** No more yelling, no more arguing, no more contentiousness. No more. Just no more. Repent and do this no more!

Because just like we women have the capacity for so much evil as noted above, you and I likewise have the capacity to be the greatest treasure and the greatest joy that our husbands could ever imagine or experience:

Proverbs 12:4 "A wife of noble character is her husband's crown, but a disgraceful wife is like decay in his bones" (NIV).

What a scripture! It tells us that if we have a noble character, which I see as being meek and quiet, then we are our husband's crown! What an honor and what a beautiful picture! But if we are disgraceful, we are like decay in his bones. Ouch! That kind of hits below the belt, doesn't it?

You're An Emotionally Abusive Gaslighter

By definition, a contentious woman is *emotionally abusive*. You gaslight him because you claim he is the one who is mean, emotionally abusive, and harsh. The truth is that he is likely *stoic*, meaning he would be what some women call "emotionally unavailable." That's what makes him strong! This attempt at gaslighting your Strong Man just doesn't work with a Strong Man because he doesn't care. However, your overall effect will be to neutralize him because you eat up his bandwidth and energy.

Another thing foolish weak women do is they *talk back* to their Strong Man husbands. Always. We women always have some crass remark, some "comeback," or some way to "talk back" to our husbands. Sure, we'd never let our children get away with doing that to us, but we do it to our husbands. Interestingly enough, the Bible tells servants specifically to not interact with their masters this way, **Titus 2:9** "*Teach slaves to be subject to their masters in everything, to try to please them, not to talk back to them.*" (NIV) This scripture kind of amazes me. I mean, if slaves aren't even allowed to talk back, why should wives be able to do so? Especially wives of Strong Men! Ladies, don't talk back to your SCM husband unless you want to be a curse in his life.

Now look at what the Bible says about good wives:

- **Proverbs 18:22** "*He who finds a wife finds a good thing, And obtains favor from the LORD.*"
- **Proverbs 19:14** "*Houses and riches are an inheritance from fathers, But a prudent wife is from the LORD.*"
- **Proverbs 31:10-12** "*An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him*

10 - How to Make a Strong Man Hate You

good, and not harm, all the days of her life.” (ESV)

Again, these scriptures are all saying the same thing! In short, a godly, beautiful, and biblical woman is the greatest joy and blessing a man could ever have. **And that woman could be you!** You just have to do your husband good and not harm. You need to be prudent and have control over your otherwise contentious nature. We can call this type of attitude and spirit the “Esther” spirit. And this is the spirit you want to have. You want to be an Esther type of woman!

In fact, a woman’s conduct is so powerful and so influential, that the Bible even tells us that a woman has the power and capacity to win an unsaved husband over to salvation simply by her behavior:

1 Peter 3:1-5 “Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, when they see your respectful and pure conduct. Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear—but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God’s sight is very precious. For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands.” ESV

Wow, this is really an incredible passage of scripture. It legitimately means that women have the power to influence the lives of others unto salvation just by their own conduct and behavior! I wonder how many women in churches today in America have the life and conduct necessary to actually influence a man unto salvation?

If you want to know how to do it, the secret again is

10 - How to Make a Strong Man Hate You

in the scripture itself. It is simply this, *“the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God’s sight is very precious.”* That will do it. I can testify to you right now that if you will just be gentle and quiet, your husband will love you and cherish you in ways you didn’t even know were possible. However, please note that “quiet” in this context doesn’t just mean volume (though you should work on keeping your volume down), but it means that your attitude is calm, peaceful, and subdued. In other words, your spirit is the exact opposite of the contentious, brawling, argumentative, faultfinding, quarrelsome woman we read about previously. So that is it. That’s all you have to do: *just be gentle and quiet and not only will your husband love you and cherish you, but God will hold you in the highest esteem as he sees your spirit as being “very precious.”*

Oh and one more thing, this type of a spirit gives you “imperishable beauty.” Think about that. We, as women, are always worried about losing our beauty as we age. *But makeup, botox, fillers, surgery, creams, and skin care treatments will never be able to match what a simple “gentle and quiet” spirit will do for your beauty.*

It wasn’t until I understood this that I understood why my friend Naomi was so beautiful and so powerful in her calmness and subdued nature. And even though she is old and silver-haired, guess what the one word is that everybody uses to describe her? Everyone calls her “beautiful.” Everyone. Men, women, and children all refer to her as “beautiful.” You know why? Because that is what everyone sees when they see a gentle and quiet spirit, which exudes femininity and imperishable beauty.

The Big Three Don'ts

RULE #1 - DON'T ARGUE WITH YOUR HUSBAND

The number one rule to being married to a strong man is this—never fight or argue with your Strong Man husband. Never. Just don't do it. I don't care what the situation is, just don't do it. I have learned from experience that women who fight and argue with their Strong Man husbands can literally never win. The reason for it is two fold:

1. You're not biblically allowed to be argumentative or contentious, no matter what. So why argue with your husband if you are going to have to repent for having a contentious spirit in the end anyhow?

2. Most of the time, you are going to be wrong. It's that simple. Your husband is at least 1,000 times more intelligent, experienced, and comprehensive in his form of thinking than you. He has a million things in his mind and he is thinking, calculating, and imagining things in ways you couldn't even dream of. So no matter what you feel in the moment, you're not going to end up being

11 - The Big Three Don'ts

right. It's like a chess grandmaster competing against a 5 year old. Why even bother? What's the point? That little 5 year old kid doesn't even belong at the table with the grandmaster. And no matter how much you think you are his intellectual equivalent, or how much you think you are a true contemporary of his, or how badly you just want to be right, you are not.

Give it up. Stop being argumentative and contentious. Make this a rule for yourself: never fight, argue, or act contentious with your husband. Never. No matter what. Even if he has committed some egregious sin.

Your husband is like a brick wall (more on this later), and if you fight with him, you will not win. It's like attacking a brick wall; you'll only hurt yourself.

And the most important reason to never be contentious with your husband is because it is unbiblical and it is a sin! How many scriptures have we already read about it?

- **Proverbs 19:13** "...And the contentions of a wife are a constant dripping."
- **Proverbs 21:9** "It is better to live in a corner of a roof than in a house shared with a contentious woman."
- **Proverbs 25:24** "It is better to live in a corner of the roof than in a house shared with a contentious woman."
- **Proverbs 27:15** "A constant dripping on a day of steady rain and a contentious woman are alike."

Plainly stated, you are sinning if you are a contentious wife. Don't be one. Stop fighting! Stop creating arguments. Just don't do it. Don't make excuses for WHY you feel justified in arguing. You are not justified. God is against you if you are a contentious wife. It is as simple as that.

RULE #2 - DON'T WASTE HIS TIME

Strong Men are uniquely predisposed to loathe time wasting (Ephesians 5:16). The reason for this is simple: *he has so many duties, responsibilities, obligations, and things that he has to get done on a daily basis, that he can't afford to waste his time (Psalm 90:12)*. A Strong Man doesn't just have his 9 to 5 duties, he has a higher calling. So he is constantly aware of the clock and the calendar that are working against him.

Plainly stated, **time** is a Strong Man's most valuable asset. He will more than likely be more frustrated with you causing him to lose or waste his time than he will with you causing him a loss of money or any other tangible asset.

And what is the biggest waste of time that emotionally weak women bring to their relationships with their Strong Man husbands? Contention and strife, of course. Because all of that contention, whether it was in the form of an actual argument, or just negative energy between the spouses (or if it was dramatic scenarios that were caused by your emotional toxicity), *none of it was valid*. None of it had any legitimate reason to exist. It was all just a waste of time. So don't do it.

RULE #3 - DON'T BE AN EXTRA BURDEN

Remember that the entire purpose of a wife in the marriage relationship, as stated by God Himself is for you to be a *helpmeet* to your husband. HELP. H-E-L-P. That is the operative word. Now let's take a look at what the dictionary definition of that word is:

help. *To make it easier for (someone) to do something, to*

11 - The Big Three Don'ts

improve (a situation or problem); or to be of benefit to.

Plainly stated, if you're not making your husband's life easier, or improving situations in his life, or being a benefit to him in some specific way(s), then you are completely out of order with God's design and plan for your life. You are just as much out of alignment with God's created order as homosexuals are. Literally. They are rebelling against God's created order and so are you if you are not being a help to your husband.

Remember the wise Proverb about a virtuous woman: *"She does him good and not evil all the days of her life?"* **Proverbs 31:12.**

Remember, your Strong Man husband can support the *weight of you*, but usually in doing so, he has to let something else go. That means that by emotionally sustaining your spirit and your spiritual baggage, something has to give in his life. And usually its some element of the advancement of the Kingdom of God that God had called him to fulfill.

Do you remember the great story about Moses holding up his hands over the battle so Joshua and the Israelites could defeat the enemy? Here it is:

Exodus 17:11-13 *"And so it was, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands became heavy; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. So Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword."*

This is such an incredible story. Moses is definitely a

11 - The Big Three Don'ts

Biblical Strong Man. And God had a special anointing and calling on his life. And in this instance, in order for God's people to defeat their enemy, it was necessary for Moses to physically hold up his hands over the battle. But one man can only do this for so long, no matter how strong he is. And the Bible literally says that when Moses got tired and let his hands down, the enemy would prevail!

So in order to defeat the enemy, Aaron and Hur had to each hold up Moses hands until the enemy was thoroughly defeated. I want you to picture that image in your mind. Now imagine Moses is your husband. Your job is to be like Aaron and Hur. You need to help your husband and not hinder him. Hold up his hands, *don't hang off of them.*

Imagine that image all over again, and imagine you hanging off of one of his arms. Sure your husband is strong,



If you're not going to hold your husband's arms up, at least don't pull them down (by being an additional burden).

11 - The Big Three Don'ts

and he will be able to hold you up for a certain amount of time. But eventually, his arm will get heavy, especially with you hanging off of it, and he will let it down and the enemy will prevail. And the advantage that the enemy gets in this instance will basically be all your fault.

Every morning when you wake up, ask yourself the simple question: *am I going to hold up my husband's arms today or am I going to hang off of them?* Will I help him or hinder him? Will I be a blessing or a burden? Will I do him good and not evil today?

You can do this. You were made to do this. This is the Will of God for your life. And once you do it, the beauty and the glory of God's blessings in your life will be more than you can even imagine or handle.

He's So Intimidating

Strong men are intimidating men. One of the ways you can know if your man is truly a strong man is to note whether or not people are generally intimidated by him.

Quite frankly, if your husband checks all the boxes on pages 9-10, we can therefore know that he is a true "Strong Man" by definition. That being the case, you have certainly noticed that people, in general, are intimidated by him. Maybe even you are intimidated by him. And if you're intimidated by him, then your kids are probably intimidated by him also.

Now, this word "intimidation" needs to be properly defined. And I don't mean *defined* as in a *dictionary definition*. But I mean *defined* as in **why**. In other words, **why** is a Strong Man so intimidating? Because Strong Men, particularly Biblical Strong Men, are, generally speaking, remarkably humble, have self control, and are basically never violent. They are also not prone to yelling or verbal abuse or anything of the sort. (Sure, every Strong Man will have to raise his voice from time to time to take control of a situation, particularly with a contentious wife, but that is

12 - He's So Intimidating

not the same thing as being temperamental and prone to verbal abuse.)

So there is no reason to fear a Strong Man from a logical perspective as he is the least likely person to physically harm you. He is also the least likely person to verbally attack you. Now, if you start an argument with him, he will likely respond forcefully, but that is not an "attack," that is simply a Strong Man's response to your own foolish argument. But strong men don't pick fights, physically nor verbally. So again, they are the least frightening men to be around in the sense of potential for violence.

And even though these men are admired, followed, respected, and generally "looked up to" by so many people in their circle of influence, those closest to these men are still generally intimidated by them. And for the admirers on the outside, the thought of meeting these men, or getting close to them is intimidating. In fact, they are viewed in much the same way that celebrities are viewed, but without the actual celebrity status.



People will be intimidated by your SCM husband like fans are intimidated by their favorite celebrity.

In the same way that people feel intimidated to walk up to their favorite celebrity and talk to them, even though these celebrities are not scary or dangerous, people will feel intimidated by your Strong Man husband.

So what is it about strong men that creates this air of intimidation? Well, quite simply put, it is the fact that he is **strong**. And his aura exudes strength. Maybe he is funny or silly, or perhaps he is stoic and dry, or he could be anywhere in between in terms of **personality**. But regardless of his personality, his aura is always exuding, demonstrating, and communicating **strength** to those around him. And that strength is *intimidating*. People instantly know who the strong man is in the room. And if you need protection, you know where to seek refuge—with the Strong Man! And if you've done wrong, you know who to avoid—the Strong Man! Everybody knows what strength is and what it's good for. And simply stated, *strength is intimidating*.

Now, the great problem I have found is when strong men marry weak women for their beauty. Because that is very common as we've already established. But it creates a polarizing dynamic between the two. Because weak people, particularly weak women, are not just intimidated by Strong Men, but they are *afraid* of them. And this fear manifests itself in terrible ways in the relationship. Over time, the *fear* usually turns into *anger*. And the anger has a negative domino effect in the relationship because Strong Men simply cannot be conquered or overcome with a woman's anger, fear, or contentiousness. And those are the things that weak women typically bring to the relationship.

And the worst part about it is that weak women like this create and instill this fear in their children and ultimately cause a confusing dynamic for her children; where they simultaneously honor, love, admire, and respect their Dad

12 - He's So Intimidating

for being the strong and good man that he is, but they also fear him and are inappropriately nervous around him, and are afraid to cultivate a close relationship with him because their weak mother has instilled an image of a “scary man” in them instead of the “Strong Man” that he is.

To a weak woman, a Strong Man is scary, cold, mean, cruel, and insensitive like a robot. To a good woman who is not weak, a Strong Man can be stoic, but she recognizes that as a positive trait. And a good woman who is not weak, recognizes the multiple strengths and overall strength of her husband as a blessing and something that is admirable, and ultimately something she should be grateful for.

The best analogy I can give you about a strong man is that of a giant brick wall that surrounds your house. Imagine there is a giant, thick, brick wall that surrounds your house and extends at least 50 feet into the sky. It's huge! It's ominous! It's strong and powerful. It's so strong, it is nearly impenetrable. When you walk up to it and look up at it, your neck tilts all the way back just to barely be able to see the top. And when you look up at it, tall, strong, powerful, and un-moveable, it is very intimidating. If you touch it, it is even more intimidating because you recognize how impenetrable it is. And it is just plain **hard**. It's hard to touch. It is literally immovable (1 Corinthians 15:58). You can't move it. You can't push it. You can't change it. This is basically what a Strong Man is like. His mere existence is intimidating.

And guess what happens to you if you try to pick a fight with a brick wall? What happens to you if you attack a brick wall? What happens to you if you try to punch the brick wall? Who gets hurt? Imagine punching a brick wall and then breaking your hand as a result. Then you go around blaming the brick wall for your hand being broken. But no, it



It makes no sense to try to fight a brick wall.

was **you** who decided to punch the brick wall knowing that it was a brick wall! First of all, you shouldn't be punching things. That's your first problem. Second, if you're going to punch something, punch a pillow! Not a brick wall!

And this is what happens with foolish women who are married to Strong Men. They pick fights with their husbands and then they themselves get hurt. Then they blame their hurt, pain, and anger, on their husbands. But it was her fault all along. You shouldn't have picked a fight with a brick wall in the first place!

12 - He's So Intimidating

Instead of being intimidated by the brick wall, you should be grateful for it! All other people, and women in particular, wish they had a brick wall surrounding their house. It protects them. It provides for them. It keeps out evil, sickness, disease, negative influence, and more. It's a giant barrier of protection that can only be taken down by heavy artillery! And that is what God did for you when you married your Strong Man husband! You were blessed with a brick wall for a husband. Yes, it's intimidating, but once you've lived inside your home for any period of time, you just get used to the fact that there is a giant 50 foot brick wall surrounding your house. It's not scary, but it is solid. It is powerful and it protects you! It provides safety, security, and stability for you. And everyone else looks on with admiration and respect.

So this all begs the question, why do weak women feel so fearful of their Strong Man husbands? Why do they see their strength that naturally causes intimidation, as something to not just be intimidated by, but to be fearful of?

Well, this is a much longer conversation and one that I am just going to briefly review. Because generally speaking, it goes to the history of these emotionally weak women. Too many of us have a painful history. Beautiful, yet emotionally weak women, very often come from a history of abuse (physical, sexual, and emotional), and in many cases have never had a positive male figure in their lives. If you have a history where you were abandoned by your father, or had sexual trauma from your past, or multiple partners in your youth, or had an emotionally unstable mother, then you learned to live off of your own survival instincts. And these instincts have become habits. And they are destructive. Generally speaking these habits play themselves out like

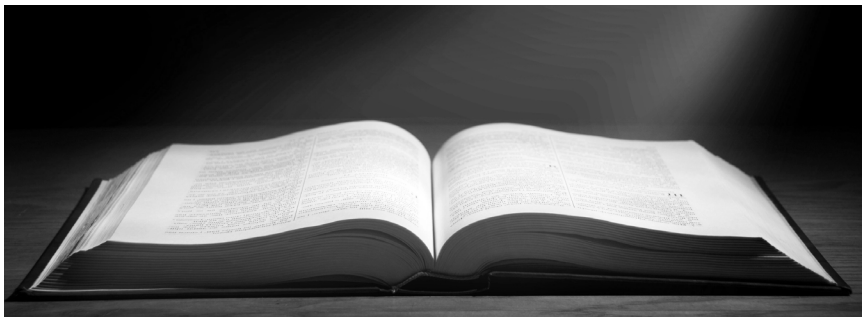
this with your Strong Man husband:

- You feel fearful of your Strong Man husband because he demonstrates and exudes strength.
- As a weak woman with a troubled past, you are used to being attacked and are therefore always defensive.
- Anything your husband does or says is either attacked by you or you respond to it in a defensive manner because that is your habit from your entire life.
- Your Strong Man husband will hold you accountable for improper responses and attacks.
- As an emotionally weak woman, you are used to avoiding or alleviating your responsibility to these issues by acting dramatic, toxic, or contentious.
- Unfortunately, you learn that you can't use these same techniques you've used with the rest of the world on your SCM husband and this creates anger in you.
- The anger turns to more contentiousness and more advanced drama.
- The constant contention without ever getting a win causes fear (because you feel like "I can't win").
- This continual contention and inability to "win" turns into resentment.
- Resentment creates additional discord, and the dominoes just keep falling until the inevitable end.

This cycle is very predictable. Quite frankly, if you pair a Strong Man with an emotionally weak woman with an abusive or emotionally troubled past, this same cycle is not just predictable, it is inevitable. The only way out is through repentance. Unfortunately, the man in this relationship is not going to change. He's a brick wall and honestly, he doesn't need to change. He has not done something

12 - He's So Intimidating

immoral. It is we women who need to change. *The problem is that it is nearly impossible for us women to change because we can never see ourselves through the lens of the Bible.* We never see ourselves as the one's causing the contention.



*We need to see ourselves the way the Bible sees us,
and not the way our modern generation sees us.*

We only see ourselves as victims of heartless, cruel men, who are not sensitive or caring, and who treat us harshly and without kindness. Nothing could be further than the truth. Women like this, of whom I admit I was once one, are no different than women beating against a brick wall with their fists and then blaming the wall for their bloodied and broken hands.

So yes, a strong man is intimidating. And that's a good thing! But no, he is not scary. He is not dangerous. That is something you created in your mind, and the consequences of it are so negative and so damaging and harmful, that it would be nearly impossible to describe. My dear sister, be kind to yourself, and do yourself a favor and simply ***repent***. Love your intimidating husband; the rewards are just as indescribable as the negative consequences of doing the opposite.

You Are Married To A King

The best way for you to contextualize your relationship with your Strong Man husband is this: *you are essentially married to the equivalent of a King*. Think of your husband as King David or King Ahasuerus in the Bible. Kings are not perfect, and neither were these two, but they were Strong Men and great leaders. If you were one of their wives, how would you treat them? And how would you expect to be treated?

Obviously, you should never accept being treated poorly or with cruelty. But do you think your definition of *cruelty* or “poor treatment” would be the same if your husband was the King? If he responded to you quickly, matter of factly, and without much “emotional intelligence,” would you accuse your husband the King of being a cruel, wicked, heartless, cold man who causes you suffering? Or would you recognize the King as a wise, intelligent, and efficient leader with a burden 1,000 times heavier than you could ever imagine?

You see, you reap the benefits of being married to a Strong Man, so you need to humble yourself and stay in

13 - You Are Married to a King

your proper place. No woman should ever feel the right to be a contentious, brawling, toxic, burdensome wife; but the wife of a King should all the more eliminate these horrible qualities because her husband has so much more duties upon him and her negative influence extends so much further!

You're a queen! Enjoy it! Sure, there are some shortcomings to being in this position, but the benefits far outweigh the negatives. And if you focus on the negatives, regardless of who you are married to, you're only going to create a greater life problem that you will ultimately never be able to crawl out of. And it will all be your fault.

Remember, your husband is the King. He doesn't need you. You are only his because he **wants** you. That's a pretty high honor. To be wanted by a King! Think of it this way: *your husband could easily pick up any other woman he wants and women are dying to be in your position.* But they are not and you are. You are blessed. You are honored. And you are cared for as royalty. The only one who can, and who likely has destroyed that, is you.

Take the time to recognize your blessings. And take the time to recognize who your husband is in God's Kingdom, what your proper role and relationship with him should



Treat your Strong Man husband like he is the King and you are his Queen.

13 - You Are Married to a King

be, and how devastating and destructive your potential negative influence in his life could be. The average man only has the burden of his family, but your husband, like the King, has the burden of the entire Kingdom. In the case of your husband, that “kingdom” represents his leadership role(s) and ultimately the higher calling that God has put on his life to fight, rule, defend, and expose, on behalf of so many other people. And the only one who can stop your husband is **you**. I plead with you to meditate heavily upon these facts.

TREAT YOUR HUSBAND AS IF HE WAS THE CEO AND YOU WERE HIS ASSISTANT

If you have a hard time picturing your husband as a King of some empire, then let me give you a much easier analogy to work with. Imagine your husband is the CEO of a major corporation and you are his personal assistant. Now let’s set aside any affection or romantic feelings for the sake of this analogy and just talk about the interaction and respect that a personal assistant must have with her boss.

Does she fight and quarrel with him? Is she angered by his requests or his high expectations? Does she consider her boss to be cruel or mean because he doesn’t often treat her with patience



*Respond to your husband
as if he were the CEO and
you were his assistant.*

13 - You Are Married to a King

and love? Does she complain about not feeling cherished or treated properly because he is often short and to the point, requiring efficient responses to his requests? Does she whine about being under-appreciated or is she just happy to have a job working for a great man and earning a good salary? It never ceases to amaze me what women will endure in “corporate America” for meager salaries, compared to what women complain about when being married to a Strong Man!

Your husband is much more important than a CEO of some capitalist organization. He is God’s man! He is a Strong Christian Man and he has a calling on his life far beyond that of just making shareholders happy. So if a CEO can expect competence, efficiency, patience, kindness, submission, and grace from his personal assistant, without fighting, bickering, quarreling, or having a constant attitude of contention, how much the more should your SCM husband be able to expect peace, love, happiness, and servitude from you, his wife? More than a personal assistant to a CEO, your husband needs to be able to say, “she does me good and not evil all the days of her life,” and not that “she frustrates my life and burdens my soul with her constant contentions, poor communication, and fault-finding spirit.”

HOW DO YOU RESPOND TO YOUR DOCTOR?

Maybe one last way to think about it is in comparison with how you interact with and respond to your doctor. I mean, how do you treat him? If he tells you plainly that you have cancer, do you respond with arguing, bickering, fighting, and contention? Or do you ask him for direction, help, advice, support, and ultimately a cure?

13 - You Are Married to a King

So why do you give your doctor so much respect when doctors generally do more harm than good, yet you don't give your Strong Man husband that same type of respect when he generally does good and would never do you harm? If you don't fight with your doctor, why do you fight with your husband?

In the end, the point to all of this is to properly contextualize your relationship with your husband. Remember, he's not just *any* man, he's a Strong Man. So you need to remember that he has a special calling with God, and you therefore have a special calling with him. God likewise expects you to do right and to treat your husband appropriately. And the benefits for doing so are nearly infinite...



How to Ruin Your Kids

You are blessed to have a Strong Man because you have the potential of having the greatest kids ever. Strong Men make great dads. But, contrary to popular belief, the greatest influence on any child's life is not their father but it is their mother. It is still *the hand that rocks the cradle that rules the world*. And there are dozens of scriptures that demonstrate this.

You see, God put woman in charge of *guiding the house* (1 Timothy 5:14) meaning that it is their primary responsibility to raise the children. The man/father is the ultimate authority, but the woman/mother is the one who runs the show. Think of it like an owner and manager of a business. The manager is the one who runs the business on a day to day basis. But the owner, who comes and goes, and is not always physically present, is still the final authority on any issues related to the business. Mothers are like managers. They run the home on a daily basis and are the ones who are primarily responsible for rearing the children.

And this is why you see such a disparity between the groups of children from men who had multiple wives. This

14 - How to Ruin Your Kids

is because the children are *most heavily influenced by their mothers*. You can tell what the mothers were like by seeing how the children ended up. Take Israel, for example. There were 12 boys who were raised by 4 different mothers. And it is interesting to note that you can group together the general personality of the children by their mothers. In other words, Leah's six children were similar to one another, just like Rachel's two boys were and the same goes for the children of Zilpah and Bilhah.

Yet, they all had the same father! But the personality traits of their respective mothers showed up in each of the children. All this means is that *no one has more power or influence over children than their mother*. And you, as the wife of a Strong Man, can either set your children up for maximum success by turning their hearts towards their father, or you can set them up for confusion and suffering by sending mixed messages and by not properly loving their father in front of them.

Remember, your husband is a Strong Man, so he naturally draws people to his leadership. And children in particular, are naturally drawn to the leadership of a Strong Man. But leaders are also intimidating. So while children want to draw close to their Strong Man father, they will naturally feel intimidated by him.

If this is never overcome, then your children will never draw close to their father no matter how hard he reaches out to them and no matter what he does or provides for them. Ultimately, your children will probably respect him to the extent that they love him and honor him as their father, but will never truly realize the benefits and blessings of being the children of a Strong Man. They will not be able to take advantage of the learning opportunities, the joyous extended experiences, the intellectual stimulation, the

adventures, and the glory of realizing God's will.

If you are always bickering, fighting, and arguing with your husband, you will ultimately build a life of resentment between the two of you and you will paint the picture of your husband, both consciously and subconsciously, as a *monster*. Your children will see him the same way that you see him: *as a cruel, angry, and harsh "mean man."* And the feelings of intimidation they have by his presence will only validate that perception.



If your interactions with your Strong Man husband are always contentious, you will paint the picture of him for yourself and for your children, of him being like an ogre or a monster.

Of course, there is likely nothing true about that perception. I would be willing to bet that the "mean man" you think is harsh, cruel, and arrogant, is actually loving, patient, kind, and humble. But you are falsely accusing him because of your own emotional weakness just like the Israelites did to Moses.

It basically is this simple: *if you paint the picture of your husband as a monster, your children will never want to get close to the monster.* And it doesn't matter what you say with

14 - How to Ruin Your Kids

your lips, it only matters what you do with your actions.

I had a woman once tell me that *"I always tell my children to go and talk to their father about their issues, but they never do because they don't feel comfortable with him. So they just talk to me instead."* Wow, what a delusional woman! She literally couldn't see that she had painted the picture in front of her children for years that her husband was a mean, cruel, ogre, and then she pretended to be shocked when her children didn't want to go talk to the ogre. So ultimately, she just had to take care of it herself. What a shame! Trust me ladies, our wisdom will never be as good as our husband's wisdom. (Of course, this woman knew what she was doing and only used that as an excuse. The truth was she was a control freak and wanted control over everything and everyone but played the "I told them to talk to their father" game in order to justify herself.)

Plainly stated, our children will nearly never be better off with our advice, counsel, and guidance over their father's.

So how exactly do I turn my children's hearts to their father? Well the answer is outrageously simple. You simply do two things:

1. Never fight or argue with your husband. Never. As in never ever. Have I mentioned this yet? No fighting, no bickering, no quarrels, no contentions, and no drama. If your children never see the spirit of contention between the two of you, then they will have no reason to believe that contention exists, and they will never have to judge either one of you as being guilty or responsible for that contention.

2. Be openly affectionate and loving towards your husband in front of the children. How much do you

14 - How to Ruin Your Kids

hug, kiss, cuddle, and physically assault your husband in front of your children? Kids need to see that! There is probably nothing healthier for children to see than physical affection between their parents. If your children saw you always kissing your husband, hugging him, slapping his rear, snuggling up with him, crawling into his lap, and even doing outrageous things like putting his hands on your legs or breasts (“oops,” you can say as if the kids were not supposed to see that), it demonstrates to your children that there is no safer or more loving place than in the arms of their father. But emotionally weak women almost never demonstrate affection for their husbands in front of their children and then they wonder why their children don’t want to get close to him. It’s pretty simple, if you are visibly and obviously close to him, emotionally and physically, then the children will naturally follow suit.



It's healthy for your children to see you be affectionate with your husband, and mostly for you to initiate that affection.

If your children are young, you can fix this problem as early as tomorrow! Stop being a Jezebel type of woman and start being an Esther. And secondarily, start showing your

14 - How to Ruin Your Kids

husband lots of physical affection in front of the children. Do it often. And by often, I mean every day. Literally every day. Your kids might say things like “ewwwww, gross” or things like that, but believe me, on the inside they love it. You are making a safe place for them to grow with stable emotions and spiritual maturity.

If your children are grown, it’s probably too late to fix this problem. I would imagine your children are good kids, but confused (more on this later). Maybe you have a couple of great kids and a couple of “problem children,” which is also very common. If you send mixed messages, you get mixed results. You get some good and some bad. My only suggestion would be to repent anyway of being Jezebel and start being Esther. You can still inspire your children and help them see the error of their own ways.

Communication with a Strong Man

Communication is a problem area for nearly every married couple. The reasons for it are probably too vast to go into, though I have studied this subject at great length along with my husband for the sake of counseling married couples in our church. In the end, the reality is that Americans, in general, are just terrible communicators. We don't teach proper communication skills in school and generation after generation simply pass on their poor communication skills to their children.

But the problem is magnified when it comes to interacting with a Strong Man. And that is because a Strong Man communicates on a much higher and more advanced level than the average person. He understands far more things and his mind is processing a lot more information in any instant. Therefore, when you communicate with him, he will require the information both quickly and clearly. In fact, you can describe the communication style and requirement for the typical strong man with one word: *efficient*.

A Strong Man doesn't usually waste his words. While

15 - Communication With a Strong Man

he is not strictly militaristic, like a drill sergeant in his style of communication, he is likewise as efficient in his thinking as a commanding officer would be with his troops. Lives are on the line. A mission is at stake. He doesn't have time for meaningless talk or squabbles over feelings. He simply needs the facts stated as they are and he needs them now.

This often creates problems when you, as his lovely wife, are emotionally weak or are accustomed to defending yourself for everything. If you are the type of person who always feels attacked, even when you're not being attacked, you will take your husband's communication style as harsh or mean and you will emotionally respond with negative feelings and evasive answers.

This is a huge problem because your man just wants you to **answer** the question. So don't be evasive and don't be elusive, just answer the question. Remember, your husband not only loves you, but he is with you because he *wants* you. He is not attacking you. He is just asking you a question or trying to find information for a problem he needs to solve. If you do not respond quickly and clearly, and if he has to keep asking more questions to get you to just answer, or if he has to ask clarifying questions because you simply would not respond accurately the first time, then he is going to get extremely frustrated with you. This is not because he is mean, rather it is because you are inefficient. You wouldn't expect the Captain of a ship to have great patience with his subordinates if he has to ask a question 10 times in order to get a clear answer from someone, would you? So why do you resent your husband for getting frustrated with you when you simply do not communicate clearly with him?

Your strong man is a leader in some capacity; either as a business owner or a coach or leader who is

15 - Communication With a Strong Man

responsible for many others under his domain. Under normal circumstances, he would just fire someone for not answering his questions or for making his life or his job more difficult. But in your case, he can't and won't do that. Neither does he want to. He just wants you to communicate properly. Really, it's not hard. Just learn to answer like a soldier answers, efficiently, with clarity, and to the point.



Any woman can learn to communicate properly with her Strong Man husband.

Remember, he is not attacking you. He is just asking a question and needs the answer. Don't make him ask 21

15 - Communication With a Strong Man

times, just answer the *first* time. Don't say stupid things like, "I already told you" or "you don't already know?" or something stupid like that. If he is asking you, it is because he wants the answer. Maybe he knows, maybe he doesn't. Just answer the question. He is 1,000 times smarter than you. His brain processes more things, faster, and for much higher purposes. When you don't answer immediately and accurately, you make him feel like he is a calculus expert talking to a child learning arithmetic who can't give a straight answer to what 2 plus 2 is.

Again, you are married to a Strong Man and if you learn to communicate well with him, you will become a better communicator with everyone else. This will simply make you a better person. And this is one of the glorious things about being married to a strong man; if you will quit fighting him and start to *learn from him*, instead of you bringing him down to a lower level, you allow him to take you up to higher levels. Truly, it is glorious to be married to a Strong Man!

Some Attributes of Strong Men

Men are simple creatures. But Strong Men are a bit more complicated. And by *complicated*, I don't mean that they are difficult to figure out or that their nature or tendencies are different than other men. Strong Men are still simple in the sense that they want to be loved, respected, and most of all *desired* by their wives. They also find satisfaction in simple things like a good meal, and a nice round of passionate sex.

However, Strong Men are more complicated in the sense that they are vastly superior to us in every way. They are dreaming up ways to put man on the moon, to end tyranny, to cure cancer, to spread the Gospel, to stop evil, to save children, and to heal the nations. And they're not just dreaming; they actually do it. These strong men are incredibly advanced in their minds. Some of them have brains like computers or calculators. They create art, invent machines to ease our lives, discover scientific laws, develop advanced music, build bridges over water, lead thousands of people, preach sermons that save lost souls, design and construct skyscrapers over 1,000 feet tall, and they create technology like trains, planes, and automobiles. And they

16 - Some Attributes of Strong Men

literally put men on the moon!

We women could never dream of accomplishing such things. Our minds don't work that way. They can't work that way. They never will. No matter how much we try to force these things through feminist programs, women were simply not built to do these things.

So you have to understand that when you interrupt a strong man's *mind* (which is his greatest asset and the true force and source of his strength), you could be walking into a complicated arena. Your husband's mind is not to be messed with. It is not to be mishandled or disrespected.

First of all, because it's just wrong. But second of all, a Strong Man knows the value and the importance of the things he is working on in his mind and his heart. And if you come and mess that up, then it will rightfully be seen as though you are hindering or hampering whatever he is working on from being accomplished or achieved. So with that foundation, let's review a couple of typical attributes of Strong Men that are relevant to you as his wife:

1. STRONG MEN HATE MEANINGLESS CONTENTION

All men hate whining, nagging, complaining, and needless drama. But strong men have even less patience for it because it interrupts their ability to achieve and accomplish.

Yes it is true, that your husband should be patient with you and treat you like the weaker vessel (1 Peter 3:7), and I would be willing to bet that he does. But if you are an emotionally weak, contentious feminist at heart, I would also be willing to bet that you continually revert back to your same old whining, nagging, complaining and needless

16 - Some Attributes of Strong Men

drama at every turn and your Strong Man husband has gone far past the point of no return with you. You have exhausted his patience.

I'm not making an excuse for husbands who lose their patience with their wives, because Biblically they shouldn't do that (Ephesians 4:2). But I am giving you an *explanation* for his loss of patience. Quite frankly, you should have repented a long time ago. You should have stopped whining, nagging, complaining, and creating needless drama.



*All men hate nagging, contentious wives, but
Strong Men hate it even more.*

Additionally, since your husband is a strong man and he operates at higher mental and intellectual levels, he is going to tend to get frustrated by people who say stupid things. Or by people who are terribly indecisive. Unfortunately, we women have a tendency to say stupid things all the time and to be terribly indecisive. As you can see, this is basically a recipe for destruction.

You see, Strong Men are problem solvers by nature, so they can't stand anything that promotes, supports,

16 - Some Attributes of Strong Men

perpetuates, or creates problems. And if they see you as someone who creates problems instead of helping to relieve them, or better yet, just staying out of the way, then over time you will come to be resented.

So to truly help your husband out, you are going to have to learn a simple old trick I learned from the wise old lady I referred to earlier as “Naomi.” She told me this, *“Darling, if you have no idea what you’re talking about, then just keep your mouth shut.”* I don’t know why this is so hard for us women to do, but we need to learn it again. Women in times past recognized their place. We did not butt into men’s conversations while they were solving the world’s problems or pioneering new inventions and innovations. But today, thanks to feminism, we feel the need to compete with our husbands, and we involve ourselves in areas of their lives where we do not belong and end up saying stupid things that don’t help and only serve to frustrate our husbands.

If you have ever had young children, you know what this is like. When they try to help you do something, they just end up causing more work for you to do. That is because they have no idea what they are doing because they are so young and ignorant. They’re just kids! That’s what your Strong Man husband feels like when you butt into areas of his life that do not pertain to you.

Stick to being lovely, beautiful, and highly sensual and you will have a great life.

2. STRONG MEN ARE NOT ALWAYS PHYSICALLY STRONG

An important thing to note and remember about Strong Men is that they are not necessarily physically strong. In

16 - Some Attributes of Strong Men

fact, of the ones we know about in modern times, where we have actual pictures of them, be they political leaders, church leaders, or other strong men who led revolutionary movements, none of them were what we would consider physically strong. They were never bodybuilders.



A Biblical Strong Man is not necessarily physically strong like a bodybuilder.

The truth is that most bodybuilders are emotionally weak and unstable and use physical bodybuilding to cope with their weaknesses and trauma. That is not to say that being physically strong is meaningless; not at all. In fact, there are many admirable traits of those who stay physically fit throughout their old age, but the Bible is very clear that “bodily exercise profits a little.” (1 Timothy 4:8) In other words, the true strength of a man is his faith and his spiritual and mental fortitude and commitment to God. That is where a man’s true strength lies.

Physical exercise, to keep one’s self “in shape” and

16 - Some Attributes of Strong Men

to ensure you have sufficient energy and vitality for the calling on your life is admirable and necessary to a certain degree, but in comparison with faith and commitment to God's Word, it profits little.

We know, for example, that the Apostle Paul had a physical presence that was weak (2 Corinthians 10:10), but few would argue that he was not one of the strongest men in the New Testament. Likely your husband is not a bodybuilder, but don't let the fact that he is not He-Man detract from the fact that he is ***your man***, and it is your responsibility to be his helpmeet.

3. STRONG MEN APPRECIATE BEAUTIFUL THINGS INCLUDING OTHER WOMEN

Your husband likes beauty and there is a chance that he is surrounded by beautiful women. This is normal. Men, in general, like beautiful things and aesthetically pleasing surroundings make men achieve more. It is a simple fact. Cars, clothes, buildings, art, landscaping, and more all contribute piece by piece to the inspiration that drives a man to achieve. But for Strong Men, it is even more intense. Strong men go beyond average men and really love and appreciate beautiful things and this includes beautiful women.

Remember, that's why he married you! So it should not shock you if your SCM husband is not bothered or intimidated by beautiful women. It shouldn't bother you if there are beautiful women where he works, or who work for him, or who are around him while he accomplishes whatever it is that he does. He might even appreciate artwork which depicts beautiful women, and he is certain to enjoy movies and other forms of entertainment that

16 - Some Attributes of Strong Men

feature beautiful people.

The only concern is *infidelity*, not *appreciation* or *recognition*. And a major way to push a man towards infidelity is to prevent or discourage him from appreciating beauty. First of all, if you do not provide him with physical attraction or sexual satisfaction, then you obviously need to be very concerned. If you are visually boring and sexually lifeless, then yes, you are going to cause problems for your husband. Then if you add your own dramatic nature which tells your husband not to work around certain women, or to fire his beautiful secretary, or to eliminate some beautiful painting of a beautiful woman, or to close his eyes on a movie when some beautiful woman appears, then you are simply going to push your husband further away.



We can all recognize the attractiveness of other men and women. You simply can't lust over them. And in real life, the rule is simple: we can look but we can't touch. Life is that simple.

Think of it like food. Men who are full don't eat at someone else's table. But a starving man will eat anywhere at any time. He is starving! And just like it would be silly

16 - Some Attributes of Strong Men

for you to get dramatic, insecure, or jealous when your husband compliments the appearance or demonstrates his desire to eat some gorgeously prepared meal that you did not prepare, it would likewise be silly to feel the same way when your husband appreciates or recognizes the beauty in other women who are not you. Relax, you likewise think men are attractive and handsome, don't you? There's lots of hunks and handsome men in the movies and in life who you recognize as being handsome, debonair, and attractive. And if your husband is a Strong Man, he will not care if you recognize some man's physical attractiveness. The rule is always this simple: *you can look but you can't touch*.

But if you change that rule to *you can't even look*, then you're going to create a negative environment that, in turn, creates a permanent conflict between you and your husband that essentially amounts to you ensuring that he is always starving and then getting angry when he looks around for something to eat.

He's a Strong Man; he doesn't need your whining and complaining. If you want to ensure your husband has "eyes only for you," then instead of wasting energy hating the fact that he recognizes beauty, just make yourself beautiful all the time and give him great sex all the time. There is no greater confidence you can ever have concerning the faithfulness of your husband than by just keeping him sexually satisfied.

And there is no greater confidence you can give him than to *not be* a jealous psycho woman who is bothered by the fact that your husband respects and recognizes beauty around him, including in other women. When you demonstrate that level of self-confidence, it just makes you that much more attractive to him!

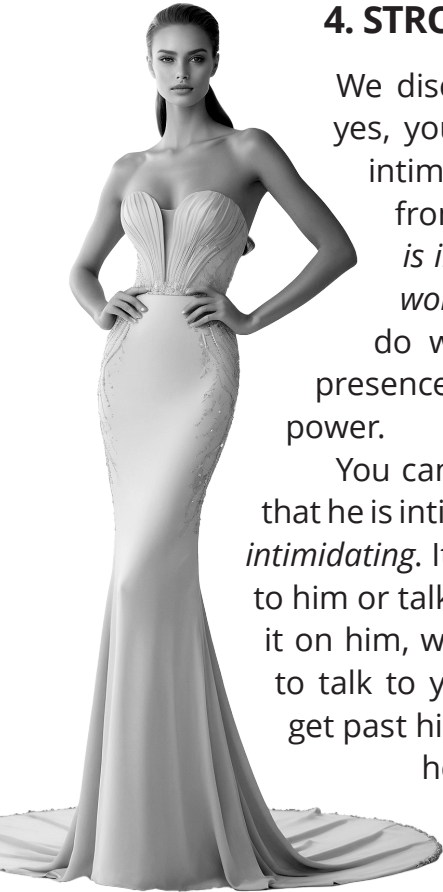
4. STRONG MEN ARE INTIMIDATING

We discussed this in chapter 12 already. So yes, you already know that a Strong Man is intimidating. But I want you to look at it from another perspective: *a strong man is intimidating in the same way a beautiful woman is intimidating*. It has nothing to do with their personality; it is just their presence, their position, and their ethereal power.

You can't explain why or how, you just know that he is intimidating. That doesn't mean *scary*, just *intimidating*. It means you won't want to take things to him or talk openly about things and you'll blame it on him, when in reality it is you. You are afraid to talk to your own husband because you can't get past his position of power and authority. Yet, he is still the man who loves you and desires you and protects you and provides for you.

Remember, the only way your children will ever feel comfortable and confident around their father is if you are open, calm,

and peaceful with him and always maintain an open line of communication. And most importantly, that you always show public and open affection and praise for him. And it must be authentic. Anybody can praise a Strong Man in private, or when he is not around, but for you to be forward with him and affectionately praise him in the presence of your children, they will naturally see that he is easily approachable and lovable and will want the same and will



Strong Men can be intimidating in the same way that beautiful women are intimidating to men.

16 - Some Attributes of Strong Men

interact the same.

But if you are timid and fearful and if you hold things in, instead of openly speaking with your husband about everything in a loving and calm manner; your children will only have the natural feeling of intimidation **magnified** subconsciously, and while they will probably always respect your husband (their father), they will also feel disconnected from him because of *intimidation*. They will feel like they can't talk to him or approach him or just be "normal kids" around him. And it will be mostly because of how you treated him and interacted with him.

5. STRONG MEN ARE GENERALLY STOIC MEN

A strong man is a stoic man. It's not that he has no emotions, it is that he has **control** over his emotions. He doesn't emote, he is stoic. A stoic man gets things done. He conquers the world. He protects his family. He provides for his family. But he is not "emotionally sensitive" or "emotionally available" or any other soft things like that because he is a Strong Man. You will have to learn to get over your pathetic needs for emotional availability. I know that sounds harsh, but I am particularly strong on this issue because it was so hard for me to learn and to get over. I desperately wanted my husband to be "emotionally available" for me, but he just wouldn't change. It was only over time that I realized that if my husband was more emotionally available, he would also be weaker, softer, and not the Strong Man that I actually wanted.

I'm not saying that emotionally available and sensitive men are "soft," I'm just saying that emotionally available and sensitive men are not Strong Men! And if I want my Strong Man to be a Strong Man, then I have to get over

my useless desire for emotional sensitivity and availability. Because it doesn't help anything in the real world anyway. It only pacifies the emotional instability of us silly women.

And guess what, you can also emotionally pour yourself into your Strong Man and he will respond. But just be prepared for him to respond to your problems with *solutions*. That's what he does. He finds solutions. If you just "want to talk" then you're going to have frustrations for the rest of your life and you are going to see your SCM husband as a monster and he will see you as a *hindrance*.

The problem with weak women is that they can't take or receive correction. As soon as you're married and your husband becomes your **legal head**, once he corrects you for the first time, if you're an emotionally weak woman, you will begin to see your husband as a monster instead of a hero. And this spirals out of control over time until the inevitable takes place.

But your husband was never a monster. He was simply a Strong Man who was giving you instruction and/or correction. It is his duty. It is his responsibility. It is his role. You simply couldn't take it because you're a rebel. Maybe your husband said it with a tone you didn't like. Maybe he acted indifferent and you saw him as cold and cruel. But no, he's just a stoic Strong Man who leads and gets things done. He is God's man. And your rebellion made you see him in an evil light just like the wicked men of Israel saw Moses in an evil light.

6. STRONG MEN DON'T GET HURT, THEY GET ANNOYED.

If you or others are constantly doing the same thing over and over to your Strong Man, you are not going to hurt his

16 - Some Attributes of Strong Men

feelings, you are simply going to make him feel annoyed. This is difficult for women to understand because we get our feelings hurt. When things don't go our way or we don't get what we want, or we feel like we have not been treated properly, we get hurt.

But your husband is not that way. He gets annoyed. He feels like his time has been wasted. And that frustration can easily come across as anger and harshness. But it's not. He's just annoyed. You know how it feels when a fly keeps buzzing around your head and it won't leave you alone? At some point of time you kind of snap, right? Does that make you a harsh or cruel person? Does it make you an angry zealot? Or are you just really annoyed by this nasty little creature buzzing around you who won't leave you in peace? Well, that's what Strong Men feel about those who won't stop badgering them with meaningless problems and strife. And speaking of meaningless problems and strife...



Shoo fly! Don't bother me!

Meaningless Drama

Let's talk about the BIG ONE. The big issue from us ladies that is the biggest hindrance in the lives of our SCM husbands. Before we get started, I must admit that this chapter was particularly difficult for me to write for two reasons:

1. I have so much content on the subject of "meaningless drama" that I could write an entire book about it, and it would be five times longer than this book!
2. I feel like I am the most guilty in this area. And yes, even though I have repented and accepted both God and my husband's forgiveness, it still hurts me and makes me feel bad to review the topic.

So what in the world am I referring to when I say "meaningless drama?" Well, we all know what this is. *This is our female nature that creates issues where and when they should not exist.* We make mountains out of molehills. We exaggerate the importance of trivial things. We complain in a wearisome manner. We fuss and we inflate things and amplify that which either does not exist, or does not exist

17 - Meaningless Drama

to the dramatized level in which we pretend it does. Like we read previously in the Bible, we are fault-finders who spend our energy looking for reasons to be mad or sad because of something we think our husbands (or others) are at fault for.

It is all irrational. It makes no sense. We make a big deal out of things that are not big deals, and we consequently minimize things that are of actual import. Why do we do this? I don't know! I wish I had the answer. I wish I knew the root cause so I could help more of us women overcome it. But in the end, I guess the cause doesn't really matter. The key is to just STOP. *We just have to repent of this.*

So I guess the best way for me to keep this short is to describe 5 simple things you can do to help you to be overtly conscious and aware of the *meaningless drama* that we women are prone to creating:

1. STOP FIGHTING, THERE IS NO COMPETITION

Feminism created a fake war between the sexes. And ever since, women have set out to try to prove they are better or at least equal to their husbands. In practice, this subconsciously puts you in a place where you are always your husband's rival or enemy. And who wants to live with their enemy? Who wants to have to see their rival every day at the end of work?

By now, you should have noticed that the over-arching message of this book is for wives of Strong Men to stop being *contentious*. That's pretty much the main message. Because that is exactly how a woman slowly destroys her SCM husband. And one of the root causes of this is by creating this meaningless drama where you are always

trying to prove yourself to him, or to prove that you are as good or better than him. Stop it. Just stop it.

2. YOU'RE NOT SMARTER THAN YOUR HUSBAND

Remember, your husband is so much smarter than you. In any other area of life, when someone is better or smarter than you at something, you just let them handle it! You don't tell Mario Andretti how to drive. You don't argue with Chuck Yeager about how to fly a plane. You don't try to show Warren Buffet how to invest. You don't try to explain to Paul McCartney how to write songs. You don't criticize Michael Jordan on how he dunks. You don't impose your opinion on General Douglas MacArthur on how to fight a war.

So why do you think you are your husband's equal? Why do you think you are justified in trying to tell him or show him how to lead your family, handle his priorities, manage his calling, or even what tone he should take when talking with you or your kids? Your opinion is the incorrect one, not his!

So stop creating meaningless drama by thinking you are smarter than your husband and that you are somehow authorized or capable of arguing with him.

3. HE'S ALWAYS BETTER THAN YOU

If you are self conscious, egotistical, or have low self-esteem, you will always feel inferior to your husband and this will cause conflict. This is because you will treat him as a challenge to fight against or as a rival to defend yourself against. This again, is taking things the wrong way. You

17 - Meaningless Drama

shouldn't be angry that your husband is better than you. You should be happy! You should be thrilled! Do you really want a pathetic, useless, husband who is ignorant, weak, and directionless? No! But weak women see the success, strength, and aptitudes of their SCM husband's and use it as their foundation to go to war.

Get over it. He's better than you and that's a good thing! It is not something to fight over, it is something to revel in! You are blessed, now act like it!

4. HE IS THE LEADER, PERIOD

Your husband is your leader and that is that. And in the case of a strong man, your husband is your leader on two fronts:

- 1. He is your spiritually authorized leader.** God made him the head (Ephesians 5:23) and you will never be authorized by God to get above your husband's authority.
- 2. He is your intellectual leader.** Remember, you are not his intellectual equal and that's okay. There will be lots of areas of life where you can be an *ambassador* for your husband. There will be things where you know more, have more experience, or just understand more than he does, because they are areas of life that are either irrelevant to him, or that he just has no interest in, or time available to dedicate to. So, enjoy those things. Just don't think that they make you smarter than him just because you know more about teddy bears, crochet, Pinterest, or women's gossip.

5. DON'T MAKE HIM WANT TO FIRE YOU

Your husband is a leader in probably multiple areas of life. Therefore his natural instinct is to fire incompetence, but he can't fire you because you are married. So do your best not to demonstrate incompetence. Don't do or say stupid things. And don't get sassy or egotistical about what you have said or done that he doesn't like. Instead, try to "do him good and not evil all the days of his life."

Otherwise, this is going to be another source of contention. Because you will note that over time, he has less and less patience with you. And then you are going to start to feel like he has no patience for you when he has patience for everyone else. So you will feel slighted. But the reason why it feels that way is because you know better and you've been with him a long time. So you have already learned how to do right, you just have refused to do so for all of the various reasons we have discussed in this book.

So he has already run out of patience with you, like the emotional bank account that Stephen Covey talks about in the book, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*. If you don't understand the metaphor, the idea is that you have an emotional bank account with everybody you have a relationship with. And you make deposits and withdrawals in that emotional bank account. With your husband, you make deposits by being lovely, kind, beautiful, giving him good sex, giving him respect, and properly raising his children. But you make withdrawals by fighting, being contentious, creating meaningless drama, etc.

So if your relational bank account with your husband is overdrawn by thousands, when you do or say something stupid or horrible, he is not going to have patience with

17 - Meaningless Drama

you, even though he will have patience with somebody else, precisely because your account is overdrawn.

So instead of creating meaningless drama that would otherwise make your husband fire you if you worked for him at his company, treat your husband and work with him in such a way that he would want to use you as an example for all other employees to emulate!

I know women hate that analogy, but it never ceases to amaze me the efforts that a woman will take and make in order to get promoted at her company, and how she will kiss up to and do anything possible to make her boss or supervisor appreciate her, but she won't lift a finger to do the same for her husband. Amazing!

The 5 Love Languages

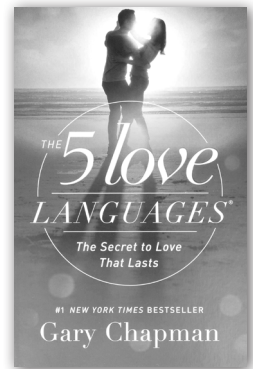
(and the extra 1 you didn't know about)

Have you ever heard of the **5 Love Languages?** The concept came from a book first published in 1992 by Pastor Gary Chapman. It's an absolute must read for most Christian people, and quite frankly, for anybody and everybody!

The book has changed the lives of millions of people and, in particular, it has saved the frustrated relationships of untold numbers of couples who simply did not understand one another.

The concept that Pastor Chapman teaches in the book is simple—people give and receive “love” in different ways, and not everybody recognizes love in the same manner. He identifies 5 specific “love languages” that people use in order to communicate or show love. They are:

- Words of Affirmation
- Quality Time
- Gifts



18 - 5 Love Languages (and 1 more you didn't know about)

- Acts of Service
- Physical Touch

So the idea is simple, everyone prefers certain “love languages” and has a personal hierarchy in which they like to receive love from their spouse. For example, in my case, I love *Words of Affirmation* above all. When my husband either tells me wonderful things about me or makes me feel safe, cherished, or affirmed; then I find that to be the most loving thing ever. After that, I would guess I like *Acts of Service* and *Gifts* about the same, and then *Quality Time* and *Physical Touch* about the same.

My ranking would loosely be:

40% - Words of Affirmation

20% - Acts of Service

20% - Gifts

10% - Physical Touch

10% - Quality Time

Now that’s just me. Your ranking is probably completely different. Everybody’s is. And that is what Pastor Chapman explains. If I see *Words of Affirmation* as the highest form of expressing love, but my husband recognizes *Physical Touch* as the highest form of expressing love, then I might give him *Words of Affirmation* all day, and he might never feel loved. Likewise, he can touch me, caress me, and embrace me, and give me incredible sex (all forms of *Physical Touch*), but I might still empty on the inside because I just want to hear him tell me that I’m wonderful and that he appreciates me.

That’s the gist of his book and I highly recommend that everyone read it. It’s a beautiful book and it has helped so

18 - 5 Love Languages (and 1 more you didn't know about)

many people!

But there's a bit of a problem with the whole *5 Love Languages* concept when it comes to dealing with Strong Men. Sorry ladies, I am really sorry to share this with you, but I have to tell you the truth.

Now we all know there is no perfect life, but being married to a Strong Man is almost always superior to being married to a "normal" man. The problem will almost always be us, and not our good husbands. So yes, we have to make some concessions in exchange for the blessing of being married to a Strong Man.

Think of it this way, if you're RICH, other people will be jealous, and so now you have to deal with jealousy all around you. But if you're POOR, nobody will be jealous of your poverty, but you'll have to struggle with the problems of poverty. So which would you rather deal with? Exactly, we'd all rather be rich and deal with the problems of jealousy.

Likewise, one of those concessions I mentioned above is in the realm of "Love Languages." Let me explain...

Remember, Strong Men are not the same as "normal men." And the truth be told, the whole *5 Love Languages* dynamic, as presented in Pastor Chapman's book, is really directed and driven towards a husband and wife who are more *equal* in life. Where they are intellectually, spiritually, emotionally, and mentally *equal* to one another. In this way, the needs of one another have more of an ebb and flow, a give and take, and a lot of shared responsibility. This is the "normal relationship" between most "normal couples."

But it's not that way in a relationship with a Strong Man. Remember, you get special benefits and privileges for being married to a Strong Man, so from time-to-time

18 - 5 Love Languages (and 1 more you didn't know about)

you have to deal with the unique consequences of those benefits. For example, when you are married to a Strong Man, there is not so much "shared responsibility." Your Strong Man carries most of the load. Your job, if you remember, is just to raise the kids and to be his lover (more in Chapter 24 about this). Depending upon your husband's financial situation (which generally speaking is usually greater than the "average" man), you may or may not have as many domestic duties as other wives, and your husband will most often help you to find ways to minimize those duties (with technology, equipment, outside help, etc.).

So when you're married to a Strong Man, the ebb and flow, give and take, and shared responsibility of "normal" relationships is not there. In a normal relationship, it's very close to 50/50. But when you're married to a Strong Man, it's more like 90/10. In some cases it's as extreme as 99/1. In other words, your Strong Man carries 90% of the weight and responsibility in your marriage, and you only carry 10%. Or he carries 99% and you only carry 1%. If you don't think or recognize that as true in your relationship, you should probably revisit the list of Strong Man characteristics in the first chapter of this book to make sure your husband truly is a Biblical "Strong Man."

Now I realize, understand, and empathize that *raising the kids* can be an outrageously difficult job on its own. I believe that and agree. And I am not going to minimize that responsibility in any way! Remember, I have kids of my own (and now I have grandchildren). But I also recognize that the vast majority of problems we have with our own children are self-inflicted. In fact, as mothers, particularly those of us who were not raised with a good or godly mother, or did not have many godly mothers as examples

18 - 5 Love Languages (and 1 more you didn't know about)



around us; we usually don't figure out how to properly raise our kids until they're all grown up and having their own kids! But all those years of suffering with problems with our children were mostly needless and caused by our own emotional weakness.

We cause drama, problems, and trouble, and then the only way to straighten the kids out is by threatening them with, "You just wait until your Dad comes home!" And that usually takes care of it. Either the kids straighten out instantly, or when Dad finally does come home, we puke all over him with the problems we had with the kids, and then he has to solve the family's problems *again* after he's just been out all day conquering the world, slaying the enemy, and saving the weak. Yes, he has intense loads on his shoulders all day long, then he comes home and we put more burdens on him. And what does he do? He solves them. Every time. He's a strong man. That's what they do.

So again, the burden is on him, because we screwed it up. The point again is that the relationship with a Strong

18 - 5 Love Languages (and 1 more you didn't know about)

Man is never 50/50. Sadly, in many cases today, because of the stronghold of feminism in the church, many Christian *women* married to “beta men” in the church carry up to 90% of the load! Including earning the income and leading the family! This is horrible and pathetic, but it is sadly very common in the American Christian Church.

But that horrible scenario is not your life, my beautiful Sister. No, you married a Strong Man. And so he carries the load. Not just of you and your family, but of so many other people, other families, and ultimately, of the Kingdom of God.

What that all means is this; the whole “Love Languages” dynamic as related to us in Pastor Chapman’s groundbreaking book, doesn’t apply to us very well. I wish I knew this sooner and I wish somebody had explained it to me sooner. But I had to learn this the hard way, and the results were not pretty.

You see, as an emotionally weak basket case, I was very insecure. Especially after my first husband died, and my life fell apart as a single mother. When my new SCM husband came around, I saw him as my *hero*, but I treated him as an *equal* in my mind. And I always wanted him to change to do things the way *I wanted them done*. I found out that this just doesn’t work.

Quite frankly, it doesn’t really work with *any man*, but it definitely doesn’t work with a Strong Man. As far as he is concerned, he gives you love, shows you kindness, takes care of your needs, provides for you, loves you, sacrifices for you, and protects you at all costs. So, in his eyes, he is leading and living a sufficiently Biblical life. And you know what, if he’s doing those things, HE’S RIGHT! You shouldn’t need anything more than that.

But us women are very finicky and want things done in

18 - 5 Love Languages (and 1 more you didn't know about)

a *particular* way. We don't want him to love us the way he loves us. We don't even want him to love us the way the Bible requires him or guides him to love us. Nope! We want him to love us *the way we want to be loved*. By our rules. By our standards. And by our expectations. And all this does is lead to frustration, disappointment, and ultimately to anger.

Why? Because we end up accusing our husbands of all sorts of things and ultimately we see his love towards us as *inadequate* because he didn't do it "the way" we wanted him to do it. But that's not the way it works with a strong man. If you had a 50/50 relationship, then sure, it's easier to expect your man to give a little your way, and then you give a little his way, and you both compromise in your desire to be loved a *certain way*, or according to your "love language." But in the seriously lopsided Strong Man relationship, it doesn't work that way. He's going to love you and he's going to love you the way the Bible teaches him to love you and according to his own style.

If you were smart, you'd just learn to appreciate it. ***Learn to LOVE to be LOVED the way that HE LOVES YOU.*** And not the way you want to be loved. Otherwise you're going to be complaining and whining all the time that he didn't use the right tone, or didn't "handle the situation right," or that he's so tough and hard and difficult. Just like you've already learned in other chapters of this book.

Remember, Strong Men are not the same as other men. You get privileges for being married to one, but as I've mentioned a few times already, you also have to make some concessions. And one of them is to give up the silly idea that you have to receive love or treatment from him in the "way" that you want to receive it. I wish I knew this earlier. I could have saved both me and my husband a lot

18 - 5 Love Languages (and 1 more you didn't know about)

of heartache.

So take it from me. If you want your husband to love you based on your preferred "love language" and you've communicated that to him, yet he never seems to really change in the way to highlight loving you in your preferred "love language," or he never is able to see that he is not loving you "the way" that you want him to, then quite frankly ***you're just going to have to get over it.***

In my case, I wanted him to give me *Words of Affirmation*. As far as he was concerned, he always did. My husband even tells me that he goes out of his way to praise me and give me *Words of Affirmation* because he knows that is my "love language" and that makes me feel loved. He even gives me examples of what he does and what he says and then says something like, "See, isn't that what you want? I do that for you all the time!" And then he acts confused and frustrated when I say, "But that's not how I want you to say it. It's not the right way." And then I go on to be very emotionally pathetic and give him examples of the little girly details of how I *want* to hear him say it, and the words he should have used instead of the ones he used, and all of that. And I basically tell him that his efforts were not sufficient for my desires. You see?

So I've got this incredible man who everyone respects, everyone admires, who is infinitely more intelligent than me, more skilled, more advanced, more experienced, and superior in every way; who leads hundreds of people, who has the respect of thousands, who is universally recognized as being accomplished, competent, and wise; and now I am telling him he is a *failure* at something, when he only sees that he has fulfilled his duty to God and the spoken desires of his wife. *So now I'm the only one*

18 - 5 Love Languages (and 1 more you didn't know about)

whining about him being a failure. When the truth be told, he's not a failure at all. I'm just a nit-picky wife who can't be satisfied because I'm acting like a spoiled kid in a toy store who didn't get what she wanted. The difference is



We women often don't realize that we act like spoiled little children who didn't get the toy or candy that they wanted, when we demand or expect that our husband speak to us with the exact words, tone, or manner that we want him to.

that my desires are emotional and not material (like the little spoiled kid). And I didn't feel emotionally fulfilled exactly how I wanted to. Yes, I watched too many Disney movies growing up and built the wrong ideas about how I wanted to be treated.

It's funny because I never did learn those dainty, feminine, meek and quiet traits that those Disney princesses all used to have when I grew up. But I did firmly implant in my mind the way I wanted to be treated, spoken to, and loved. And when my otherwise outrageously competent, wise, strong, and loving

18 - 5 Love Languages (and 1 more you didn't know about)



I do often wonder why I never learned those overtly feminine, soft spoken, dainty, girly, and beautiful characteristics that defined nearly every Disney princess in my childhood. Instead, I just created all sorts of false expectations of what I wanted (which is what I thought I deserved for no reason).

husband poured out mountains of love and praise on me, I never acknowledged it but only complained and whined that it wasn't with the right tone, or the right words, or the right "way" that I wanted it.

Looking back now, I feel like a fool and a wretch. I am so blessed that my husband didn't just send me away and find another.

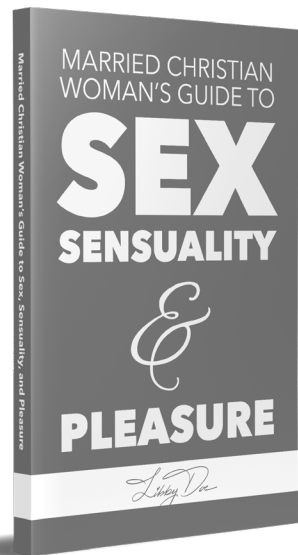
So now that you understand that, I now need to share two more things with you about the whole "5 Love Languages" principle and how it will likely apply to your relationship with your husband. And I'm also going to share something that other women married to Strong

18 - 5 Love Languages (and 1 more you didn't know about)

Men have told me is something like a “revelation” to them. In fact, it has helped many women, even those who are not married to Strong Men. Because YES, there is a 6th Love Language that women today, particularly women in the Church, have completely ignored. And unfortunately, it is usually the #1 or #2 most important “love language” for Strong Men. In other words, *it's the way they want to be loved.*

First things first, you need to know of the 5 *Love Languages*, the average Strong Men is going to have his ranking, very close to this:

75% Physical Touch – You see, your husband is a Strong Man and the number one way you are a helper to him is by pleasing him intimately and with touch. Remember what you learned in Chapter 6? Your husband married you because you were beautiful, and not for your domestic skills. He wants you. He desires you. He wants your body. He wants to touch you. He wants to feel you. And he wants to have lots of sex. Just remember that the same attributes that makes your husband a Strong Man, generally make him a high-libido man as well. So if you don't or can't match his libido, then you're going to have problems. He's never going to feel loved. As previously suggested, I recommend you read my book, *“The Married Christian Woman's Guide to Sex, Sensuality, and Pleasure”* to give you guidance in this area.



18 - 5 Love Languages (and 1 more you didn't know about)



Strong Men nearly always prefer PHYSICAL TOUCH as their primary love language.

20% Quality Time – The key here is that the “Quality Time” that a Strong Man has with his wife has to be genuinely *quality time*. Since you are not his intellectual equal, you may struggle to even hold meaningful conversations with your husband (especially if he is some kind of brainiac). So often you should just let him speak. Hold him. Be present with him. Ask him to share with you what he’s dealing with. Don’t try to offer solutions or ask, “Why don’t you do this or that?” Because if the answer was as simple as our simple minds can fathom, he would have solved the problem already. You can always tell him, “If there’s anything I can do to support you, let me know.” Or just say things like, “I will be praying for that and for you.” But mostly, *just be there with him and for him*. If you have a good relationship with your husband, he will want you to be in his presence. In fact, he will crave it. He loves you. He wants you around. Just don’t do or say stupid things, and never ever cause or create drama. If you are a loving,

18 - 5 Love Languages (and 1 more you didn't know about)

peaceful, and beautiful woman, your husband will always want to be with you.

3% - Words of Affirmation – A Strong Man doesn't care much about *Words of Affirmation*. Remember, everybody already respects him and admires him and he gets compliments about his intellect, leadership, and skills all the time. He really doesn't care about it. Usually the only thing a Strong Man appreciates hearing from you, as his spouse, are the words, "I appreciate you," or "I'm grateful for you." Strong Men are almost always taken for granted by their wives and family, so letting him earnestly know that you appreciate him is very positive and it certainly will help to strengthen your relationship.

And the ever helpful, "I know you will find a way" or "I have confidence that you will figure it out," when he's going through a difficult moment, are always helpful. Just know, that while helpful, *Words of Affirmation* are very low on the ranking for a Strong Man.

1% - Acts of Service – Again, Strong Men are doers. They get things done. That's probably the number one trait or characteristic of Strong Men is that their life is full of evidence and fruit of the things that they accomplished. And usually, they are particular about the way they like things done. So they are not interested in you helping them do these things. If they want help, they'll ask for it, or they'll hire it done. But just offering to help, or interjecting ourselves to do things for them, is not anything they really care about. The "Acts of Service" love language really is a feminine love language. Women who are domestics, for example, feel like it is so loving when their husband does the dishes or the laundry for them. And that's fine. But

18 - 5 Love Languages (and 1 more you didn't know about)

Strong Men don't have those types of emotional needs. So don't worry too much about this area.

1% - Gifts – I have found that most Strong Men don't even like gifts at all. So even though I have this ranked at 1%, it's probably more like zero or some negative number. Because many times, they are annoyed or frustrated by gifts, particularly gifts from you as his wife. First of all, if you buy him a gift, you bought it with money that *he* earned. So why do it? If he wants something, he'll buy it himself. So there's no real value in you buying him something with his money. Second, Strong Men generally have whatever they need. If they need it, they'll buy it. If they want it, they'll get it in time. They don't have interest in gifts from their spouses. So you can pretty much ignore this "love language" even though it is usually pretty high on the list for us women.

So now that you know that most Strong Men are going to lean very heavily into the need to feel loved by *Physical Touch* and secondarily with *Quality Time*, let me throw a wrench in the gears...

You see, there is a **6th Love Language** that most Strong Men place as either #1 or #2 as a way to feel loved by their spouse. And it is this—***Beautiful Appearance***. Yes, it's true. When you go out of your way to make yourself look and appear beautiful for them, Strong Men receive that as a demonstration of love. And they love to see it. They love to *see your beauty*. And they love knowing that you made yourself beautiful for them.

Most Strong Men want you to be beautiful all the time, because they see it as something you do for them! Remember, why he married you? He married you because

18 - 5 Love Languages (and 1 more you didn't know about)



*The 6th Love Language is showing and having a **Beautiful Appearance** for your husband.*

you're beautiful and not for any other reason. So does it make any sense to take the #1 reason, root, or cause for him "falling in love" with you, and then forget about that reason, minimize it, downplay it, or ignore it altogether?

How does that make sense? If you know that your husband fell for you because he saw you as beautiful, then why do so many women just ignore their *beautiful appearance* other than for a handful of special occasions throughout the year?

He married you because you're a Ferrari! And even when he's not around, he still wants people to see his Ferrari because it is a symbol of his prowess and

18 - 5 Love Languages (and 1 more you didn't know about)

accomplishments. Remember, he sees you as his greatest accomplishment!

And what would people think if they saw his Ferrari beat up, dirty, with a broken windshield, making a knocking sound as it drove down the street? That would be embarrassing and shameful. If his Ferrari was in that condition, he'd keep it locked away in his garage.



What good is a Ferrari when it looks like this?

But that is the physical equivalent of how most women start acting, dressing, and appearing once they get married. They cease to be beautiful. At least they cease to *care* to be beautiful. And then the only time a woman will actually spend time “doing herself up” is when she is going to see OTHER PEOPLE who are not her husband. Think about that! When a woman goes to the doctor, or to the kid’s school to meet with the teacher, or to meet friends, she always spends time getting herself together so she looks good. But for her husband? She usually doesn’t care!

A Strong Man will see this is a way of rejecting him! Because you should know he loves to look at your beauty and to admire your beautiful appearance. You’re a trophy

18 - 5 Love Languages (and 1 more you didn't know about)

to him, and what an honor that is for you! So when you don't want to show your beauty, your husband will take that as *you not loving him*. Don't forget what happened to Vashti. Her husband (the King) may or may not have been a "good man," but he definitely was a Strong Man, and he wanted his wife to be beautiful for him. He even wanted to show her off. The point is that Strong Men feel loved by their wives when they *show their beauty*.

I know of women who have actual arguments with their husbands about what they want to wear in the house or out of the house or on dates or whatever. But regardless, hear me loud and clear—never let your appearance become a point of contention with your Strong Man husband because he will see it as a slap in the face to him. Remember, he married you because HE THINKS YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL. And now you are telling him that you could care less about the one thing that made him love you most.

Remember, your husband does not share your insecurities and your horrible personal image that you may have about yourself. This was hard for me to overcome because I know, as a matter of fact, that I don't look the same way I used to look. I'm honestly not very happy with my appearance today, especially in comparison to how I looked when we got married. But I have learned that God has somehow put magical glasses on my husband's eyes and he still sees me as being beautiful. I used to fight that fact, but now I revel in it! If I'm a 5 yet God gave my husband magical glasses so he only sees me as a 10, then why wouldn't I think that is wonderful? I should and I have learned to love it!

So always remember—*he thinks you are beautiful*. Even after having kids and getting old, he still thinks you're

18 - 5 Love Languages (and 1 more you didn't know about)

gorgeous. What you think is tight, he thinks is not tight enough. What you think is unattractive, he thinks is sexy. And the idea of taking a few minutes to look beautiful each day, which you see as being annoying and a hassle, he sees as one of the greatest expressions of love towards him that you can offer.

Remember, your husband wants to be wanted by you. And the way you show him that you want him is by appearing beautiful! That's the first way a woman shows her desire to a man, by looking beautiful in order to attract him. And it worked for you! You got him! And he's got you!

Every Strong Man is a little different, but I can tell you that for some men, showing him your beauty at all times is even a greater "Love Language" than *Physical Touch*. For others they are equivalent. But I can tell you this; there is not a Strong Man alive who does not respond to his wife's beautiful appearance. And much like a delicious meal, they never get tired of looking at you and admiring your beauty.

I can't tell you how many marriages I have seen restored and problems resolved by the wife just making herself beautiful again. It's a love language. It's for all men, but Strong Men just have it higher on their ranking.

So my dear sister, take my advice, be beautiful. Yes, you still need to be meek and quiet and have all of those other wonderful and godly inner traits of a spiritually mature woman. ***But never neglect to be beautiful.*** Dress for your husband. Be attractive. Make him desire you. Show him your beauty. Don't be afraid or insecure. Be beautiful. Always. Your husband will receive it as a continual expression of love.

The Vulnerability of Strong Christian Men

Our husband's weakness or point of vulnerability is that he is a *conscientious* Christian Man. Remember, this book is not about Strong Men, but it is about Strong *Christian* Men. Sure, there's lots of similarities between *general* Strong Men and Strong *Christian* Men, but there are some important differences, as well.

The most obvious is that a Christian man must be a Christian first. He serves God, fears God, and must follow a specific rulebook: the Bible. A Christian man isn't allowed to make up his own rules as he sees fit, he has to obey God and the Bible.

And this concern that he has for following God and the Bible, is actually a *vulnerability*. It is not wrong for him to be this way, obviously, but it is a *vulnerability*.

A vulnerability is the "*state of being exposed to the possibility of being attacked or harmed.*" You see, just like you are your husband's kryptonite, your SCM husband has a vulnerability and that is the fact that he desperately wants to do God's Will. He wants to please God. He wants to avoid sin.

19 - The Vulnerability of Christian Strong Men

These are obviously all wonderful traits and desires but as his wife, you must note that this leaves him wide open to attack, as well. And, this is the number one reason why a Strong Christian Man with an emotionally weak wife becomes impotent in the kingdom of God, while other Strong Men, who are not God-fearing or conscientious of God's Word can continue to go on and do exploits in their respective realms.

Consider men like Donald Trump and Elon Musk and so many others who are at the top of their game, fighting, conquering, accomplishing, and more, all without the hindrances of that pesky little rule book we call the Bible.

Donald Trump has had 3 wives and more than likely has had many sexual relations beyond his wives. I don't want to surmise, but the evidence is there. Elon Musk has had all sorts of wives and girlfriends and "baby mama's" as well, along with a strange and sordid history with them all. I am not criticizing nor judging these men, I am simply stating facts. Okay?

So why do I bring them up? Well, because these men are unencumbered by a conscientious need to submit to the Bible and to be right in the eyes of God Almighty. They simply do what they want to do and what they feel is right. And because they are both Strong Men, but not Strong Christian Men, they can move forward and accomplish nearly whatever their hearts desire because they don't have the same *conscientiousness* that your husband has.

You see, the Bible has a whole set of rules for your husband as it pertains to his relationship with his wife. I know you know this already. You probably have used these scriptures before to abuse and gaslight your husband:

19 - The Vulnerability of Christian Strong Men

- **1 Peter 3:7** *“Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.”*
- **Colossians 3:19** *“Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.”*
- **Ephesians 5:25** *“Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loves the church, and gave himself for it.”*

Your husband has some seriously high standards he has to live by according to the Bible. He is not allowed to be bitter against you (even though you’ve likely driven him to that place of bitterness). He has to be patient with you and give you honor even in your state of weakness. He must be willing to sacrifice his life for you, just like Christ did for the church. That’s a lot. And that’s not easy.

So what does this mean? It means his conscientiousness to the Word of God is his ultimate vulnerability. If he feels like his relationship with you is not at the standard that God has required of him, then he is going to have to put the rest of his life on hold in order to resolve it.

Your husband, just like all human beings, has a finite amount of energy to give to his family, his work, and his calling. Yes it is true that Strong Men have much more of this energy than the typical “average” man. But it is still *finite*.

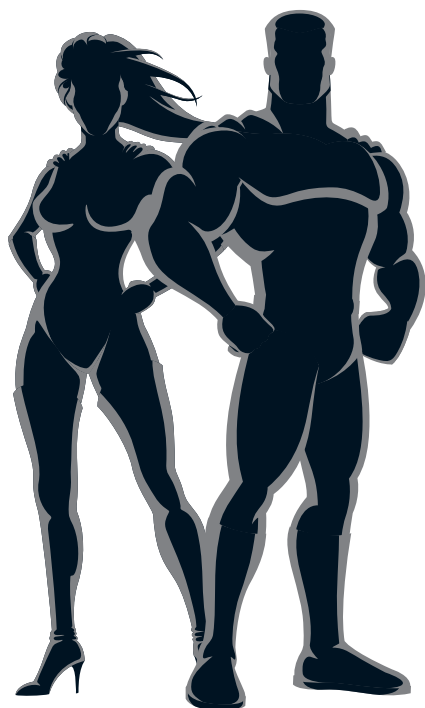
And the more of this energy he has to give to resolve his issues with you, the less of that energy he has available to accomplish his mission. The less of his life’s calling will ever be realized. And all of it, no matter how you want to spin it, is *your fault*.

Your contentions, as already described in this book, are like a vacuum sucking all of his energy away from the

19 - The Vulnerability of Christian Strong Men

things that matter, unto you and your irrelevant problems that don't even really exist. And because your husband is *conscientious*, he will literally have to take his energy away from things that matter and put them on you. Non Christian men don't have this vulnerability and that is why they seem to accomplish so much more. It is because they are unencumbered by the limitations of the Bible.

But in your case, or rather in the case of your Strong Christian Man, he is regulated by the Bible, and the amount of success he has in accomplishing all of the work that God Himself has called him to complete, will be directly proportional to how little his wife sucks away his energy by her contentions or lack thereof. You and I have more power in the kingdom of God to either advance it or to hinder it than any of us have ever realized!



You are married to a Strong Man. He is a hero. You can stand behind him or you can destroy him. The choice is yours.

Ancient Strong Men Had Multiples Wives

The Bible's teaching regarding ***polygyny***, which means one man having more than one wife, is pretty clear. Yes, I know. It's a controversial truth, but it is still true: *God not only permits a man to have more than one wife, but in many cases he condones it.* I have already written an entire book on this topic and there is no need to rehearse what I've already written. But if you've read the Bible you know it to be true, even though the feminist in us all wants to reject it.

Truth be told, the *greatest* men in the Bible, like Moses, Abraham, Jacob, David, Gideon, and many others all had multiple wives. I can't imagine you would claim that these men were "not saved" so we must accept that it is not a sin for men to have multiple wives.

However, if you read the Bible carefully you will know that it was only "great men" or "strong men" who had multiple wives. The *average* man did not. What I can say confidently now is this, *I've lived long enough to believe that some men should get more wives, especially if their existing wives are rotten and ruining their opportunities to heal the world.*

20 - Ancient Strong Men Had Multiple Wives

Think about it; imagine a man who God has called to a great purpose and mission. This man is a Strong Man by any and every definition of the term. Yet, he married a woman who is rotten, cruel, contentious, loud, bossy, jealous, controlling, manipulative, and who brings a heavy weight and burden to her husband. She is not sensual, lovely, or flirtatious, and she causes her husband more grief and suffering than peace and joy.

In short, she is a hindrance to his purpose and his call and not a helpmeet in any way. How can this man achieve his calling if he only has this one horrible wife?

Consider King David. Imagine the only wife he had in the world was Michal, the daughter of Saul. Was this woman a helpmeet? Did she encourage King David? Did she lift him up? Did she honor and respect him? Was she meek and quiet? Or did she cause him grief and suffering and emotional weight and baggage? Did she relieve him of stress and anxiety or only consume his emotional bandwidth on meaningless issues?

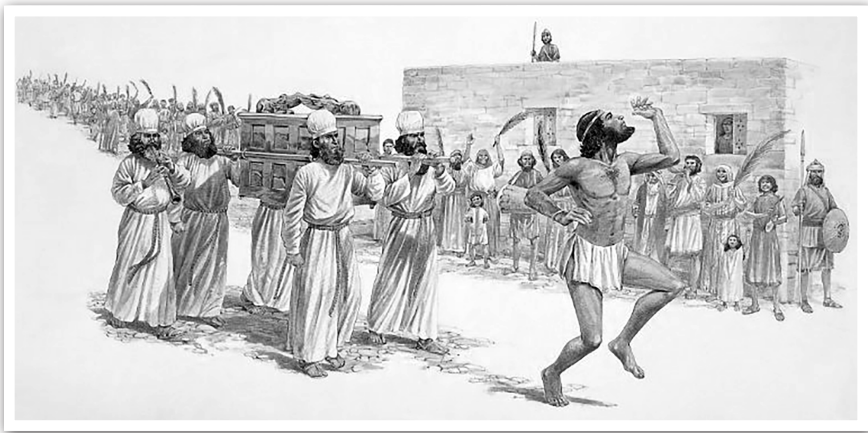
Fortunately for Israel, King David was not stuck with only this burdensome wife to weigh him down as he had plenty of other wives to encourage him, satisfy him in the bedroom, and take care of his various needs. In fact, God himself said that had David wanted more wives, God himself would have given them to him (2 Samuel 12:8).

The point is a simple one and that is the fact that in ancient times, Strong Men had a simple solution to the *rotten wife problem*. They could simply get another one. Nowadays that is not accepted in modern society so men are just stuck. And unfortunately what ends up happening is that modern Strong Men simply divorce their wives and get a new wife instead of a second wife. This is a tragedy because divorce is not truly an acceptable solution and

20 - Ancient Strong Men Had Multiple Wives

God hates divorce (Malachi 2:16). Even a rotten wife is to be protected and provided for by her husband. It is a true shame that women today can't just get their act together, and stop being so contentious and rotten, so they could be loved and cherished by their husbands.

Because when it comes to Strong Men, the reality is this: *if you won't be a wonderful, godly, sensual, beautiful, wife and helpmeet to your husband, somebody else will.* And you will be left behind in your own bitter sorrow, just like Michal was with David (she was left childless after mocking and rebuking her husband, 2 Samuel 6:23).



David's wife, Michal, despised David in her heart because he "danced before the Lord with all his might." She literally despised him for doing exactly what God wanted him to do and for being exactly the man that God wanted him to be.



Familiarity Breeds Contempt

There is a strange but interesting assumption about marriage that I can't find in the Bible. For some reason, people tend to think or assume that it is normative for a husband and wife to be together 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. But this is simply not real. In ancient times, men were gone providing for their families, either as farmers, hunters, soldiers, or workers. But never were they at home with their spouses *all the time*.

And the situation with Strong Men is even worse. And by *worse*, I simply mean that Strong Men have so many more obligations and responsibilities on them, that a wife and children are not going to have as much time available to them as other "normal" men would have with their families.

This is not necessarily a bad thing; it all depends on how you receive this reality. You could recognize it has a blessing, or you can complain about it as if it were a curse.

Just note this, no matter what, you and your children have less time and access to your husband than some wife of a blue collar worker who clocks in and clocks out from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm each day. Your husband might

21 - Familiarity Breeds Contempt

be whisked away to handle other problems, conquests, opportunities, or more that could extend his work for hours, days, or even weeks. He might be locked away in his office, or stuck in countless meetings, or even gone to other cities, states, or countries.

Do you really think King David, Ronald Reagan, Andrew Carnegie, or other great men of renown in history were home every day and emotionally available for their wives in every instant?

I share this with you because I have heard this complaint from many wives of Strong Men, and I find it to be exceptionally selfish and childish.

Proverbs 25:1 "Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbour's house; lest he be weary of thee, and so hate thee."

The reason this scripture exists is because there is nothing in the world that is so great that you can't get to the point of having too much of it. I don't care if it's your favorite song, favorite food, or favorite person, you have to take a break from time to time. Nowhere in the Bible is this picture of husband and wife being together 24/7 pictured as God's plan or requirement for marriage.

The truth is that absence makes the heart grow fonder. Now, I don't think we should take this to mean that the more we are away from our husband's the better our marriage will be. Not at all. I personally, want as much time as I can possibly get with my husband. And I'm grateful that I have more of his time and attention than any other person on the planet. But, even though I have more of him than anybody else, I don't have him all to myself.

In fact, most of his life is dedicated to his calling. As an individual, I definitely have his attention and time more

21 - Familiarity Breeds Contempt

than anybody. Second after me is our children. Then the members of our church. Then people connected to his various business ventures. And then his extended family. And so on and on it goes.

But nothing seems to get more time than the church ministry itself. He spends hours and hours building the ministry, studying the bible, preparing sermons, writing Bible Studies, praying with people, counseling with people, and doing countless other things related to his calling. The list is endless, and I have to accept the fact that from a time perspective, I come after those things.

That doesn't mean he loves me less, it just means that other things consume more of his time. So the fact that I am not with him 24/7 makes him miss me more and it makes me miss him more. And we therefore, as long as our relationship is strong and glorious, have stronger desires one for another. You know, absence makes the heart grow fonder.

My husband also travels a lot for both ministry and business. He is always at other churches preaching for them. In fact, he's gone nearly every single month visiting other churches and preaching for them. I go with him most of the time, but some times I don't. He has also traveled to over two dozen countries preaching at churches abroad and I've only been with him on those trips a few times. He also goes to lots of business events and is a special speaker/presenter to people in the business community and I almost never go to those events because I don't like them (it's just not my thing). Though he has convinced me to go on a few of them with him.

The point is that my husband is not exclusively mine. And since I share him with the rest of the world it should make me, all the more, want to optimize the time I do get

21 - Familiarity Breeds Contempt

to spend with him. Plus now, we have grandkids. And the one thing we love more than anything is to be with our grandkids, together. So it makes no sense to waste our lives with meaningless drama, contention, strife, and every other evil work.

My encouragement to you ladies with Strong Christian men is to get used to the fact that your husband is not your own. You don't live in a chick flick or a romance novel. You must share your husband with the world. And you must not allow yourself to become spiteful of the fact that he is not always present with you. Your husband is a blessing to the world, so don't be a curse to him.

And the final point to be made here is to remember to not become so comfortable and familiar with your Strong Man Husband, that you lose the respect you should otherwise have for him.

This is the same problem that Jesus spoke about when the people from his hometown of Nazareth could not receive him because of their familiarity with him:

Mark 6:3-5 "Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" So they were offended at Him. But Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house.' Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them."

It's interesting to note that because of their inability to properly respect Jesus position, he "could do no mighty work there." It makes me wonder what mighty works the wives of Strong Christian Men have been preventing?

Magnifying Your Value

By now you should understand so much more about being a valuable, useful, and virtuous woman to your husband. You know how to bring him blessing and not cursing. You know how to hold his hands up and not hang off of his arms. You know how to be a help and not a hindrance. You know how, even though your husband doesn't actually **need** you, to bring value to his life and to that of your family. So now let's talk a little bit about how to **MAGNIFY** your value. In other words, how to make it even bigger, better, and **MORE** valuable.



22 - Magnifying Your Value

Really it is not that difficult. There are really two major things you can do at all times to make your husband more effective as a Strong Man, and more likely and able to accomplish all of the things God has called him to do. Here they are:

NUMBER ONE: Always bring peace to your husband.

The number one thing we have rehearsed over and over again in this book is the destructive reality of women who are contentious, toxic, and dramatic. The results of this personality and behavior is that it destroys what would otherwise be a peaceful home environment.

Remember the early analogy about your husband being like a brick wall that surrounds your house? Well, have you ever been in a building that has that measure or level of security? It is an incredible feeling as it is so remarkably peaceful. There is very little outside noise. There is comfort knowing that you are safe and secure, and there is just a peace that is impossible to explain. It is a beautiful feeling, and the only way to describe it is *peaceful*.

The only way to destroy that peace is for the source of disruption to come from *within* the home. Because there is nothing that is going to get on the inside that came from the outside. Why? Because there is a giant 50 foot wall surrounding the house! So what could possibly be on the inside that could destroy the peace? A mouse? A cockroach? No, not hardly. Those things don't consume constant energy and they are mere blips on your husband's radar screen. The only thing inside your home that could destroy the peace is you, my dear lovely sister. You will either be the source of discord, strife, and contention, or you will be

22 - Magnifying Your Value

the one who maintains and *magnifies the peace*.

If you build a reputation for yourself as a peaceful woman who never fights, never argues, never is contentious, never whines, never complains, and never gets bent out of shape about anything, your husband will see you as infinitely valuable and he will **always** want to get home as soon as possible to seek refuge in your embrace.



Yes, he is strong and powerful and mighty, but the stronger he is, the more he inwardly desires peace! Think about it. His life is nothing but battles. He is always battling, nonstop. Fighting to make money. Battling in the workplace. Warring against spiritual enemies. Contending with evil spirits. Crossing swords with tyrants and criminals. This is his day, every day. This is his life. Then after all of that, what kind of man wants to come home to fight with his bride?

Imagine if you, his bride, his lover, his companion, could give your Strong Man a place of refuge where he knew that you were never going to cause discord, strife, or pain. This

22 - Magnifying Your Value

includes even in the unlikely event that your Strong Man husband has to repent for some sin he has committed. If he can find refuge in your arms, you will quickly nurse him back to his place of strength, so he can battle the enemy once more.

And in all of this, you will be *magnifying* your value to him. He will see you as genuinely useful and as a valuable companion to him in this journey of life. And you will bring untold blessings to your home for all time.

NUMBER TWO: Always be beautiful.

This one is very hard to help women with because we women are so self-destructive. We only look at the bad and never look at the good. We do it to ourselves and we do it to others. Look, I know you don't feel like you are as beautiful as you once were. None of us do. But that's not the point. You can always be and appear beautiful. You just need to accept that you're beautiful and recognize that your husband sees you that way. But the major secret for you to help you to be able to do this properly, is to learn to be beautiful as a *form of service*. Do it as a way to *serve* your husband, and for no other reason. Remember, it's one of his preferred love languages!

If you do it for him, you will always feel good about it. Eventually, you will learn to love it and you will even be proud of yourself again and you will learn to appreciate your own beauty because you will know and realize it is real. But more importantly, you will know that you are pleasing to your husband. You are doing him good and not evil!

Remember, your husband married you because you're pretty. There was no other reason. I wish there was. But

you married a Strong Man, and Strong Men only marry pretty women. It is that simple. You will never see a strong man married to an average looking woman and definitely not an ugly woman. Remember, you're a Ferrari and your husband married you because you are one.



Don't forget, this is how your husband views you!

So always be beautiful.

Now one of the really pathetic things about women who are married to Strong Men is that they almost never utilize their unique resources in order to develop themselves. What do I mean by this? Well, as a wife of a Strong Man, you have resources that most women don't have! First of all, you have time! As the wife of a Strong Man, you are not in the workforce. So you have time that most women don't have. Up to 40 hours more time than the average woman each week!

Generally speaking, you will have more financial resources, as well. Strong Men are typically more financially blessed than others.

But the number one resource you have access to is: *intelligence!* Your husband is smart! He might even be a genius. I would imagine that there is not a single problem you could come up with that your husband couldn't find a

22 - Magnifying Your Value

solution to, and fast!

This means that no matter what the issue, your husband can help you develop yourself and provide you with resources to become the best at anything you want to be! Now, the truth is that there are only so many things that are worth doing as the wife of a Strong Man. At the top of the list is anything that pertains to *education*. Being an intelligent woman will make you more valuable to your husband, period. And perhaps you will decide to homeschool your children (which will definitely take



a lot of time from you each week), and being well educated will pay handsome dividends in that regard, as well. *(Before COVID I was not a very strong advocate for homsechooling and I really believed that private Christian schools were the best option. But after COVID I see that homeschooling is a very solid educational option for some families.)*

But beyond education, there are many other skills that a godly wife of a Strong Man could and should develop in order to be a proper helpmeet to her husband and to further the Kingdom of God.

Remember your husband doesn't *need* you for anything. He only *wants* you. But just because he doesn't need you, that doesn't mean you can't adorn his life like jewelry and make it even better. So if you want to magnify your value, consider educating yourself or training yourself in the following areas of life:

HEALTH - learn the basics of healthy living and healthy lifestyles. Learn about sunshine, sleep, hydration, nutrition, exercise, vitamins, minerals, and the like. Learn what to eat and what not to eat. Learn what to avoid and what to adopt. You will be an additional blessing to your husband, if you were a cornucopia full of health knowledge. You will make him proud and cause him to brag about you and offer your intellect to all those around him. And most importantly, you will keep him, yourself, and your children healthy for your entire lives.



It is not difficult to become a natural health expert. You can keep your friends and family safe and healthy without getting sucked into the American Medical Industrial Complex.

ETIQUETTE - This is a lost art amongst women. But there is nothing more awe-inspiring than a woman who has mastered the art of etiquette. All people: men, women, and children stand back in awe over a woman who just does everything right and with class. Etiquette extends to every part of life, but it is mostly an attitude. A woman with etiquette knows what to say and what not to say. How

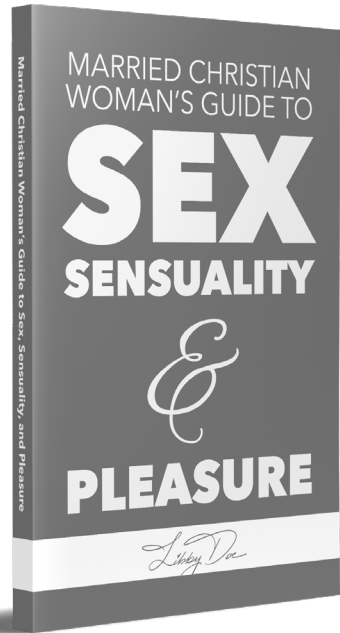
22 - Magnifying Your Value

to stand, how to sit, when to speak, when to stay silent, when to come, when to leave, and how to everything with elegance and class. Sadly, most women knew at least some measure of etiquette in the past. But feminism has all but eliminated etiquette among women altogether.

SENSUALITY - I have only briefly mentioned this subject in this book, but the truth is that sensuality and intimacy are the most important elements of your relationship with your husband. I encourage you to read my best-selling book on the subject, *The Married Christian Woman's Guide to Sex, Sensuality, and Pleasure* (which was recently updated and republished in 2024). I put it all in there. Just note that *sensuality* is the quality about you that makes you a desirable, sensual woman. It is not the same as *sexuality*.

But they are closely related. My suggestion is that you do everything possible to become an expert in feminine sensuality!

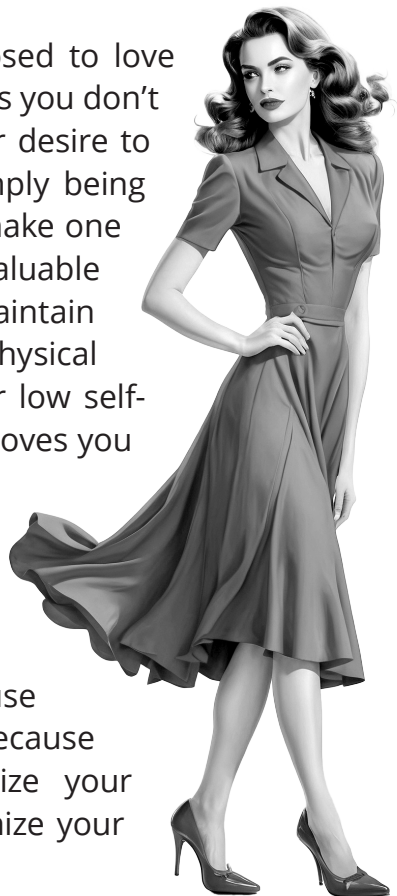
INTIMACY - Now this is just about sex. I'm going to make this as simple as possible: *get good at sex*. Become an expert. Be professional. I'm serious. We recognize levels of quality and expertise in everything else in life, it's foolish to assume that sex is not something you can improve in or master. You can get better. You can both have and give much more pleasure than you can imagine. So go for it!





What would your life be like if you become an expert in the bedroom?

FASHION - Women are predisposed to love fashion. And that's okay. As long as you don't dip into *excess* in your concern or desire to be fashionable, then you are simply being a woman. And fashion helps to make one beautiful. You will be more valuable to your husband, if you maintain your beauty and excel in physical attractiveness. And don't let your low self-esteem harm you. Your husband loves you in your post-baby body. He just wants you to have confidence in your own beauty. Flaunt your stuff. Be fashionable, be sexy, and be beautiful! Remind him of why he married you! Because remember, he married you because you were beautiful, so maximize your beauty, and you'll likewise maximize your relationship with your husband!



22 - Magnifying Your Value

MODELING - There is an actual art and skill to modeling and while you may not think yourself to be a model, the truth is that you are beautiful and probably beautiful enough to be an actual model. Think about what a blessing you would be to your husband if you are always at his side looking like a gorgeous model! Like Melania Trump. You can be that to your husband and in doing so you will surely maximize your value in his eyes!

POSTURE - This goes along with modeling and beauty, but I am only making this point because I have found that women of today, even beautiful ones, have awful posture! I don't know what happened to us, but women in the 50s used to have perfect posture, and today everyone looks like they are on their way to becoming the hunchback of Notre Dame! I hope and pray we can overcome this and I encourage you to do so.



WHAT ABOUT DOMESTIC SKILLS?

Being a good domestic is valuable, but nowhere near as valuable as the list above. Remember your husband is a Strong Man. If your husband was a blue collar worker, then yes, domestic skills are more valuable to him. But your husband isn't looking for utility, he is looking for adornment. He drives exotic, luxury, or sports cars, remember? He doesn't drive pickup trucks or minivans.

Think about jewelry and what it does: it makes things look better. It adorns things that are already nice. Jewelry doesn't help ugly things look good, but it helps pretty things look better. That is what you are like to your husband. You are adornment. You are a treasure. You are a blessing. Your

22 - Magnifying Your Value

job is not to fulfill specific needs that are missing in his life, as much as it is to just make his life better.

The only exception to this general rule might be with cooking. And that is because every man on planet earth loves a woman who can cook. They say the fastest way to a man's heart is through his belly, and Strong Men are no exception to this rule.



No man can resist a delicious home-cooked meal prepared by his lovely and peaceful wife!

to her
wife.
14 "And it shall be,
then you shall set her free,
not sell her for money; you shall not treat her brut-
tally, because you have humbled her.

Firstborn Inheritance Rights

15 "If a man has two wives, one loved and the other
unloved, and they have borne him children, both
the loved and the unloved, and if the firstborn son
is of her who is unloved,

16 "then it shall be, on the day he bequeaths his
possessions to his sons, that he must not bestow
firstborn status on the son of the loved wife in
preference to the son of the unloved, the true
firstborn.

17 "But he shall acknowledge the son of the unloved,
wife as the firstborn by giving him a double por-
tion of all that he has, for he is the beginning of
his strength; the right of the firstborn is his.

The Rebellious Son

18 "If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who
will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of
his mother, and who, when they have chastened
him, will not heed them,

A Couple of Fascinating Scriptures

Take a look at these two scriptures with me and see if you can spot the reason(s) why they are so fascinating:

- **Colossians 3:19** *“Husbands, love your wives, and do not be bitter toward them.”*
- **Deuteronomy 21:15-17** *“If a man have two wives, one beloved, and another hated, and they have born him children, both the beloved and the hated; and if the firstborn son be hers that was hated: Then it shall be, when he maketh his sons to inherit that which he hath, that he may not make the son of the beloved firstborn before the son of the hated, which is indeed the firstborn: But he shall acknowledge the son of the hated for the firstborn, by giving him a double portion of all that he hath: for he is the beginning of his strength; the right of the firstborn is his.” KJV*

These scriptures are so fascinating. Let’s take a quick look at both passages very quickly starting with the scripture in Colossians 3:19...

23 - A Couple of Fascinating Scriptures

Most of us are familiar with all of the scriptures which teach us how a husband ought to treat his wife; namely the scripture in Ephesians 5:25 that says that husbands ought to love their wives and give their lives for their wives like Christ sacrificed his life for the church. Or in 1 Peter 3:7 where it teaches that men ought to dwell with their wives according to knowledge, honoring their wife and recognizing that she is the weaker vessel. But not as much attention is paid to this scripture that tells men very specifically to not “be bitter toward” their wives.

Bitter? Really? That is fascinating! Let’s think about this for a minute...I mean, what is a wife? Is not a man’s wife his treasured spouse and companion? Isn’t she the object of his affection and the love of his life? So how and why would there be a need to admonish and direct husbands to very specifically not be “bitter toward” their wives? That just doesn’t make any sense. Something does not compute!

More modern versions translate the word “bitter” as “harsh” so the scripture says be not “harsh” against them or don’t “treat them harshly.” And I know women love this statement much more because one woman’s definition of “harsh” can vary greatly with another’s. To some women, a man is harsh if he so much as encourages them to be better in some area of life. Truly, most modern feminist-indoctrinated women cannot take any correction, instruction, admonition, or godly criticism, no matter how lovingly or patiently it is delivered as anything other than “harsh words” from a “cruel” or “mean” man.

But make no mistake about it, the original greek word used here very specifically means “bitter” as in “producing a bitter taste.” So yes, “bitter” is the best translation here. So it is definitely confusing to note or recognize that the Bible has to be specific about this command towards husbands.

23 - A Couple of Fascinating Scriptures

The question is obvious, *“how and why would a man become bitter against the love of his life?”*

Well the answer to that question becomes obvious once you have seen how the average woman treats her husband. We women are subtle, sneaky, and conniving. We are tricksters and fraudsters. Many of us should go to jail for false advertising because we knew exactly how to do everything just perfectly in order to win the affections of our spouses **before** we were married. We knew how to trick them into marrying us by making them think we were kind, loving, sweet, submissive, and peaceful. We were sensual, flirtatious, beautiful, and meek and quiet which is not just a great price in the sight of God, but also in the eyes of every man. But then, we got married, and everything changed.

We women became unbearable, cruel, mean, contentious, dramatic, annoying, frustrating, and downright nasty. We ceased to look beautiful and spent our days bringing pain and suffering to the lives of our husbands. And they basically stayed exactly the same. So they are confused.

Let’s be honest; men are remarkably simple creatures. Truth be told, from the time they mature as adults, they don’t really change much after that. Sure, they become wiser and more experienced, and Strong Men in particular grow in knowledge and understanding and usually take on additional leadership roles and expand their breadth of experience to the level of more than 10 “normal” men, but at their core, they are still the same. They have the same drive, the same heart, the same attitude, and the same personality. They have not changed.

We as women, on the other hand, have changed pretty much everything. More specifically, everything they signed up for when they married us is mostly gone. And what else

23 - A Couple of Fascinating Scriptures

do you think that will create in a man other than bitterness?

If you used to make yourself beautiful for him, but now you don't, that is a cause for bitterness. If you used to bring peace and happiness to his life, but now you bring him frustration and pain, that is a cause for bitterness. If you used to be a support and a help-meet for him, but now you are nothing more than a weight and burden, then will simply make him bitter. And if you are a contentious woman who is like a continual dropping on a rainy day, that is annoying and frustrating, and you just won't stop, then yes, you can expect this to create bitterness in a man. In some case, *extreme* bitterness.

And amazingly, God knows this about us women and he doesn't want our husbands to repay us evil for our evil. I shamefully admit that I was this woman. During my first marriage, and for the first part of my second marriage, I was precisely the woman I just described and I am willing to bet that you are too. Unfortunately, most women in America are this way. We've been groomed by the feminist spirit in our country to be this way. We don't know any other way.

I recognize that this spirit is not new, after all it is described very well in the Bible thousands of years ago. But I do believe that feminism has taken this evil spirit and attitude and magnified it, strengthened it, and proliferated it throughout all of our society to make sure that it is the majority instead of the minority; or the default instead of the exception.

In the past, I believe women were always **capable** of this attitude and a small minority of women lived it. Hence, the explanations in the Bible that we see. However today, particularly in America, it is evident that the *majority* of women live and breathe and act according to this spirit every day of their lives. It has become a habit and it is very

23 - A Couple of Fascinating Scriptures

hard to kill.

Remarkably, God is so gracious that he puts the duty and responsibility of suffering on our husbands. In other words, it is their responsibility to put up with our horrible nature and to not be bitter against us. In fact, God commands them to not be bitter against us, even though we have done everything imaginable to deserve it.

Wouldn't it just be great if we did everything to make our husbands love us, and then no command from God would be necessary? It would just be natural.

The second passage of scripture is even more painful to analyze than Colossians 3:19 was...

Here, in Deuteronomy 21:15-17 the Bible delivers a case law example of what should take place if a man has two wives, where one of them is loved and the other is hated. This again is hard to understand. How could a man *hate* one of his wives? That makes no sense.

And even more remarkable is the fact that it was the first wife who was hated and the second wife who was loved. This is very hurtful for any woman to read because we don't want to imagine that our husbands could hate us and love another woman. We feel bad for the first wife because we empathize with her and we don't want that to happen to us.

But we women are very foolish in our thinking because we automatically assume that this was an arbitrary outcome as if a man just haplessly chose to hate one woman and love the other. We, as silly foolish women, refuse to recognize the simplicity of men and continue to reject the reality that we are *responsible* for the measure of love or hate that our husbands have towards us. Our husbands don't just haphazardly choose to hate us. On the contrary, they loved us, and chose to love us. They married

23 - A Couple of Fascinating Scriptures

us! They dedicated their lives to us! But somewhere along the line, that love changed and turned into hatred.

So what changed? What caused it? Well the answer to that is simple because the Bible already told us in so many places what women can do to make men hate them. Again, it is being contentious, argumentative, disrespectful, dramatic, being loud, bossy, arrogant, not being submissive, disturbing the peace, and all of that stuff that we women are so good at doing! This is the “Jezebel” method and as a reminder, we can refer to any woman who treats a man this way as a “Jezebel.” If you do those things to your husband and against your husband, he will soon hate you. It’s not complicated, ladies.

In fact, let me make a very controversial statement, one that out of all of the outrageous things I am accused of saying, might be the most controversial of them all...here it is, ***I believe that any woman can make any man fall in love with her and desire her greatly.*** Yes, any man. And yes, any woman. It is easy. All you have to do is be the opposite of everything the Bible teaches about horrible women. Be all the things the Bible says about a wonderful woman, and then be sensual, flirtatious, and beautiful. Then the last thing is to just find out specifically what a man’s individual tastes are and choose to like them as well. That’s it. No man can resist you. Not one.

For example, imagine you just decided tomorrow that you were going to speak softly and have a meek and quiet spirit from now on. You were never going to yell, never going to be dramatic, never going to be contentious with your husband (or any one you encounter), and you were never going to be disrespectful. Then you determined to love your husband, to honor him, and to be submissive to him. Then you decide to dress lovely, smile all the time,

23 - A Couple of Fascinating Scriptures



Any woman can make any man fall in love using this method

act sensual and flirt with him regularly. Finally, you learned that he likes football, action movies, and video games so you learned the rules of football, and got some basic knowledge of action movies and video games and told him you wanted to watch and participate with him when he watches and enjoys those things. I give you my word, that man will love you forever! That's all it takes. It is not hard. That's called being a help-meet. Even a soul-mate.

You can even fail 100% on the domestic duty front and be fully incapable of cooking, cleaning, doing the laundry, or maintaining the house, and he **won't care**. Particularly a Strong Man won't care because domestic duties are easily taught to someone else, or they can be hired done. But a treasure like I just described is basically impossible to find. It's not that we are *incapable*, we just *choose* not to be that.

I speak from experience as I was a horrible wife to my first husband. I was the exact ugly woman that I described previously. And I felt justified being so because every other Christian woman I knew was exactly the same way. But in a way that sounds very strange to say, I was fortunate that my husband died, because my other Christian friends all

23 - A Couple of Fascinating Scriptures

went through divorces. Nearly every one of them. And that obviously should not be. We are Christians, we should not divorce. But I was spared the pain and misery of divorce by my husband's untimely death.

However, I was still left hurting and full of pain, being a single mother without a husband and without leadership, guidance, or protection. But after seeing all of my friends get divorced and having a crisis of faith because of it, I was too afraid to get involved in another relationship for fear that it would go the same way.

Then another godly woman who I have referred to as "Naomi" stepped into my life and essentially gave me the same advice I just gave you above. Let's call this the "Naomi method" and any woman who treats her husband this way can be referred to as "Esther" (because Esther was this exceedingly beautiful and desirable woman in the Bible). Now, all I can say is that when she explained it to me it just clicked. It was like the proverbial light bulb going off in my head. It just made sense. But I had a major problem because I did not see myself as beautiful anymore now that I was "old" and had two kids and my body didn't look good in a bikini anymore, if you know what I mean. (I was not actually old by any stretch of the imagination, but I just thought of myself that way since I was "older" than other young girls getting married, and I was a widow with 2 children.)

But she encouraged me to not worry about my physical appearance but to work on my attitude and demeanor and to just carry myself as a confident, godly woman and the rest would take care of itself.

And not long after that, I married my current husband who is not only a Pastor, but he is the quintessential example of a Strong Christian Man. He was also independently

23 - A Couple of Fascinating Scriptures

wealthy, meaning he had financial resources from outside the church, and to this day he doesn't take a dime of income from the church. He just serves. Everyone looks up to him. Everyone admires him. And by taking the same advice I wrote above, he picked me and married me. You see, he likewise had recently lost his wife. So we were both on our second marriage and our second relationship.

But in his case, there were so many women who wanted to be his next bride. So many. But he picked me and at the time I didn't understand why. Especially noting that his first wife was unbelievably gorgeous. She literally looked like a model but she tragically died in an accident that I won't describe (because if I do, it could give away our identities). Additionally, there were some very beautiful women who made it obvious they wanted to be next in line after his previous wife passed away. But somehow I got picked. And now I know why. It was because I did exactly what I wrote above and even though other women's physical beauty surpassed mine in every way, I won my husband's affection because I was meek and quiet and brought peace to his life.

The bad news was that once I got married, I reverted to the old me. I really hurt my new husband. But the difference was that he was a Strong Man so I couldn't break him down, instead I just consumed his energy. And yes, his productivity in God's Kingdom was noticeably hindered. Thanks to the path God took me down, along with the resources God made available to me (as mentioned in chapter 3), and mostly Naomi coming into my life and pointing me back to the advice I just wrote above, I was able to repent and fix my life again. I stopped hindering my Strong Man. So I understand that even if we repent, we can often revert. And if we revert, we have to repent again!

23 - A Couple of Fascinating Scriptures

But the point is that Naomi's advice worked for me. I got married to an amazing man, and while I admittedly had to make some serious adjustments to my life in order to live up to Naomi's advice (which is basically just the Bible's instructions), and it took me some time to break old habits, the ride has been incredible. I love my husband more today than ever before and I have learned so much from him. He is basically a genius, and I'm honored to be his helpmeet. But I can easily see how instead of happily being his helpmeet, if I had the wrong perspective, I could see my husband as a harsh military commander with no emotions who is cruel, harsh, mean-spirited and hot tempered. But he's none of those things. Not even close.

However, if I treated him like Jezebel, then I could expect for him to hate me. And if I treated him like Esther, then I could expect for him to love me. And when you recognize all of this, it is not so hard to understand Deuteronomy 21:15-17 anymore now is it? If a man marries Jezebel because she was beautiful or for whatever other reason, he is going to end up hating her in time; even if she bears him children. And since she is such a horrible woman, if he is a great man or a strong man and able to provide for more than one family, then he can simply take a second wife, which was common in those times. But now that he has **experience** with a woman, he is going to be more careful in how he chooses this time around! And he is not going to pick another Jezebel, he is going to pick an Esther! And if a man is married to both Jezebel and Esther, he is going to hate Jezebel and love Esther! It really is that simple.

Now God is gracious and His law is not broken, so he does not allow the husband to show favoritism and to break God's rules or traditions for his people. Therefore the law in Deuteronomy protects the primogenitor regardless of

23 - A Couple of Fascinating Scriptures

the fact that he was the son of the hated wife (aka Jezebel). But the moral to the story and the principle of the passage is that it is very possible for two different women to be loved and hated by the same man. And it's not the man's fault! It is the woman's fault.

If you want to be loved, be Esther. If you want to be hated, be Jezebel. It's that simple.



Beautiful Queen Esther

Evil Queen Jezebel



You Really Only Have Two Roles

As women, we really only have two responsibilities: to love our husbands and to love our children (Titus 2:4). That's it. All of our other duties come underneath those two.

But as a wife of a strong woman, you really only have **two roles**. You see, you are not a working woman. You will not be a bread winner. You will not run the finances or run a business. You will not have any role or duty outside of your husband and your children. And those two roles come down to the following two things:

1. **Being his Prize** - You should be beautiful, sensual, and flirtatious.
2. **Being the mother to his children** - Your husband needs to trust you to raise his children according to God's Word.

So let's talk about these two roles really quickly:

1. BEING HIS BEAUTIFUL PRIZE

You know the expression “trophy wife” exists for a reason, right? A trophy is something you earn after you’ve won a contest or competition. The trophy is the souvenir for your achievement, or the prize for your victory or success. And that is what you are: *you are his prize and his portion in this life (Ecclesiastes 9:9)*. So you need to make sure you exemplify what it means to be that prize.

You might think that you don’t want to be a “trophy wife,” but I can’t think of a greater aspiration for a woman than to be the “trophy wife” to a godly Strong Christian Man! That means you are desirable and worthy of great efforts on his behalf. And it means that you are exceedingly valuable in his eyes.

Sure, to the outside world it might only mean that you are beautiful. But if you are going to maintain the status of a true, godly, trophy wife, your Strong Christian Man only needs 4 things from you:

1. Beauty - We’ve already discussed this so need to repeat it here. Just remember the importance of beauty as it is the entire reason your husband married you in the first place.

2. Sex - Give your husband great sex all the time. Period. Make your sex life so valuable that even if you are having a hard time overcoming some of the other ungodly habits of the past (that we’ve discussed at length in this book), that it is easy for your husband to have patience with you because the sex is so good and so plentiful! However, there is one thing I want to share with you right here, and that is to recognize the four times you should not try to seduce your husband:

24 - You Really Only Have Two Roles

- When he is physically exhausted.
- When he just finished eating a big meal.
- When he is dirty.
- When he is sick.

Remember, your husband is a conscientious man, and he is also a very busy man. I mention this because us women have a tendency towards self-sabotage and I find that many women *only* try to “get their sexy on” with their husbands during one of these 4 times. And that is a recipe for destruction. Those 4 times will make up less than 5% of his entire awake life. So just do all of your sexual advancing, and outright sexual assaulting, during the other 95% of his life.

Also, while I have not discussed this much in this book as infidelity isn't as big a problem for Strong Men as it is for “normal” men (even though the temptation might be more intense for Strong Men since so many more women are attracted to them regardless of whether they are “handsome” or not), the truth is that most Strong Men are strong enough to reject the temptation. No, not all of them, and no, not all of the time. But generally speaking, Strong Men are much less likely to be unfaithful to their wives than “normal” men.

But, in the end, there are really only two things that will keep a man absolutely faithful to his wife:

- **Absolute genuine fear of God.** While there are “moments of weakness” and exceptions to every rule, generally speaking, a conscientious man who fears God will stay away from sexual temptation.
- **Satisfactory sex life at home.** If you keep your husband full, he will not go out looking for anything

24 - You Really Only Have Two Roles

else to eat. Likewise, if you keep your husband sexually satisfied, he will not be enticed by sexual opportunities elsewhere.

3. Respect - Everybody else in the world respects your husband. Even his enemies respect him. They might hate him, but they respect him because they recognize his skill, acumen, power, knowledge, and resourcefulness.



Everybody respects your SCM husband.

How horrible would it be if the only person on the planet who didn't give your husband the respect he needs and deserves, was you? Unfortunately, that is the very reality that I see with many emotionally weak women married to Strong Men. They are basically the only ones in the lives of their husbands who give them or show them disrespect. This inevitably leads to resentment and other areas of stress and strain in the relationship. And make no mistake about it: *contentiousness is the number one sign of disrespect.*

4. Companionship - Believe it or not, your husband wants you at his side. He wants to be with you. He wants you to be with him. He just doesn't want there to be fighting, bickering, contention, complaining, and all of the other negative things that weak and emotional women bring into their relationships with their Strong Christian Men.

2. BEING THE MOTHER TO HIS CHILDREN

The real purpose of your marriage is not the bliss of either one of you, rather it is to have "godly offspring." (Malachi 2:15). God wants you to raise godly children. And there is no better way to do so than with a godly woman and a Strong Christian Man. If you are reading this book, then we know you have at least one half of the equation: *you have a Strong Christian Man!*

But you need to fill in the gap for the other half. You need to be that godly woman who properly guides the children and raises children to the glory of God and the honor of her husband (1 Timothy 5:14).



Where Confusion Comes From

One of the attributes of families that have a Strong Christian Man and an emotionally weak woman married to each other is an *air of confusion* that permeates throughout the hearts and minds of the children. After counseling with my husband and many families in this situation, we both noticed that this air of confusion is very common in these types of households.

Usually it looks like this: *the children love their dad but they're afraid of him*. Or the children love their mom but they don't want to be like her. Or the children are confused about what holiness is or what it even means to be a Christian. Generally speaking, they had a great life and were much more privileged than almost anybody else they know. But they feel like they have had some sort of traumatic past or hard-life experiences even though the world was basically handed to them on a silver platter.

So what gives? Well, this is quintessential *confusion* and it comes from us being emotionally weak women. Think about it. We've been handed the perfect life and we just mix it up like a chef's scramble and act like our life is so

25 - Where Confusion Comes From

tough. Our daughters and sons look at our family and their father and they simultaneously know or feel two conflicting things:

- The sons feel like they can never live up to the greatness of their father. While the daughters feel like they will never be able to find a husband who even comes close to their father.
- The children are afraid of marriage because they think their parents had a terrible marriage while simultaneously thinking that their dad was a great man. So if a great man can't have a good marriage, what hope do they have? This creates confusion and oftentimes desperation.

So where does this confusion come from? We know it doesn't come from God, because God is not the author of confusion, but of peace (1 Corinthians 14:33). But the Bible does tell us this:

James 3:16 *"For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work." KJV*

Wow, what a verse! According to the Thayer's Greek Lexicon, the original word used for "strife" is basically used to describe political factions. It refers to partisanship and fractiousness. Other versions translate it this way:

- Amplified Bible: *"...contention (rivalry and selfish ambition)..."*
- NKJV: *"...self-seeking..."*

And the original word used for "confusion" in this verse

25 - Where Confusion Comes From

means: *instability, or a state of disorder*. I find this all very fascinating! The Bible is letting us know that *confusion* and *mental instability* is the result of contention! And interestingly enough, the root word for *contention* and *strife* used in this verse very specifically referred to the type of strife that creates political factions and partisan fractiousness. I find this fascinating because this is the exact type of strife and contention that emotionally weak women bring to their marriages with Strong Christian Men!

And what is the result of that contentiousness? Well, it brings instability, confusion, and a state of disorder. This is what happens to the families, children, and households of Strong Christian Men with emotionally weak wives. It is a sad state of affairs, but the Bible explains exactly why this is.

As I start wrapping up this book, I needed to highlight this fact for my readers so you can be extra aware of it. Because again, this is our problem, ladies. This is our fault. We create this confusion in our families, in our children, and in our own hearts. I remember being confused for so many years. I remember thinking that something was wrong because I didn't feel saved, or loved, or like I was a real Christian or that God really loved me or that my husband really loved me.

I knew I loved God and I knew I believed in Him, but the truth be told, I was a big ball of confusion. And unfortunately, that spilled over to my children. The oldest one still lives with this spirit and we still have to pray that God will help him overcome it. But it's my fault. I did it. In the same way I regret having vaccinated my children when they were young, and the consequences of that were not something that I could fix on my own, likewise I have to live with the consequences of instilling confusion in my

25 - Where Confusion Comes From

children because of my constant spirit of contention and strife. So I'm begging you to learn from my mistake.

Because like everything else in the Bible, the solution was as easy as: *repentance*. I know for many *it is easier said than done*. But I submit to you that sometimes it is *just as easy said as it is done*. I'm living proof of that!

Is It Really All My Fault?

So now we're getting close to the end and I know you are feeling all sorts of feelings. Probably the biggest feeling and the biggest weight you are experiencing is this overwhelming emotion that *it's all your fault*. And that feels awful! And our knee jerk reaction to that feeling is to simply reject it or deny it.

But instead of rejecting it, let's just think it through for a minute? I mean, is it really all your fault? Like really really? Well, the true answer to this question is: *yes and no*.

I know this book has been a tough read for many of you. I know many of you have been screaming while reading this book. Others have had fits of crying. Many of you are angry with me and many more of you are angry with yourselves. I understand. I too have been through the emotional roller coaster that accompanies a woman who is on the journey of discovering what it means to be married to a Strong Man.

But the biggest problem I had with all of it was this question that loomed over my mind at all times: *was it really all my fault?* Am I really to blame for everything? Are

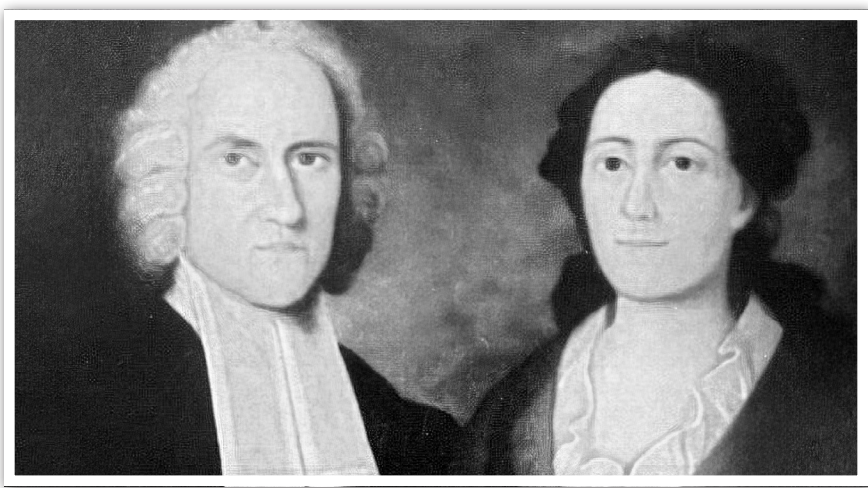
26 - Is It Really All My Fault?

all the problems in my relationship with my husband all really because of me?

Because it seemed like it was, but I didn't want to accept it. And the other big problem I had with it was the fact that I could plainly see and point out all of the flaws of my husband. I mean, sure he's a Strong Man, but he's not *perfect*. My husband is a flawed man. In some ways, he is deeply flawed!

So if my husband is so flawed, and is by no means perfect, then why do I feel like this book and this journey is dumping the entire responsibility on my shoulders? Like it's all my fault? My husband has some culpability too, right?

Well, before I could answer that question, I read the book, *"Marriage to a Difficult Man"* which is basically a general biography on the life of Jonathan Edwards and his wife, Sarah Edwards. Now if that name sounds familiar, it is because Jonathan Edwards is one of the most highly respected Christian preachers in American history. He is most famous for his sermon, *"Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God."*



Jonathan and Sarah Edwards

He was a leading theologian who is credited with inspiring the Great Awakening that ultimately led to the American Revolution. Interestingly enough, an American educator, A.E. Winship decided to trace the descendants of Jonathan Edwards almost 150 years after his death. And his findings were remarkable, as Jonathan Edwards' legacy includes: 1 U.S. Vice-President, 1 Dean of a law school, 1 dean of a medical school, 3 U.S. Senators, 3 governors, 3 mayors, 13 college presidents, 30 judges, 60 doctors, 65 professors, 75 Military officers, 80 public office holders, 100 lawyers, and 100 clergymen.

How may this be explained? Well, it is true that Edwards was a godly man, but he was also hard working, intelligent and moral. But A.E. Winship wrote this about this incredible legacy, *"Much of the capacity and talent, intensity and character of the more than 1,400 of Edwards' family is due to Mrs. Edwards."* WOW.

After reading that, my heart sank. I asked myself, if I was Jonathan Edwards' wife, would he have left such a legacy? I knew he wouldn't have and it would have been my fault. Of course, it wouldn't have been only my fault, as Jonathan Edwards was still a flawed man. And you can read about his flaws in the book, *"Marriage to a Difficult Man."* (Incidentally, the title of that book, was the inspiration for the title of my book, *"Marriage to a Strong Man."*) But the point is that regardless of Jonathan Edwards flaws, Sarah Edwards was so gracious and godly, that she was (even as a flawed woman), so capable of doing Jonathan Edwards good and not evil all the days of his life, that she **maximized** his ability to move the kingdom of God forward, instead of *hindering* it!

There was a call from God on Jonathan Edwards life, and fortunately, instead of hindering that call, Sarah Edwards

26 - Is It Really All My Fault?

maximized it. And the results are astonishing.

So while I knew my husband was (and still is) flawed, and that I wasn't the only one with problems, I had to come to the realization that *I was unilaterally capable of fixing the problems*. In other words, I didn't need my husband to do anything or to change in any way in order to solve the problems in our marriage. I could fix them all alone because truly, I was causing them.

Now that doesn't mean that my husband doesn't have some improving to do in certain areas of his life, it just means that I am the one culpable and able to fix the existing issues in our marriage. And so I decided to do just that. My prayer is that you will do the same.

Also, I learned that when it comes to changing a Strong Man and helping him improve, the way we emotionally weak try to do it is always all wrong. We try to do it by attempting to show ourselves better or superior to our husbands, and trying to point their flaws out to them. It never works. The main reason is that we are not authorized to do so. He is our head, not the other way around.

The way to win your husband and to help him improve in an area of life where he lacks or has flaws is to do so with our own overt godliness and Christian behavior. When a man recognizes the perfection of his wife (and by "perfection" I mean that we are on the path of perfection getting godlier and godlier every day), then this will naturally draw him closer to us and make him want to become better *for* us. This is the nature of a Strong Man. They are already always improving in every other area of their lives. If they see us being better and better as wives, they will naturally want to improve as husbands. And this is not just theory, this is a principle taught in the Bible itself. Remember what we read earlier:

26 - Is It Really All My Fault?

1 Peter 3:1-2 "Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, when they see your respectful and pure conduct." ESV

And the whole time, we silly women have been trying to TELL our husbands what to do, how to live, how to act, how to treat us, and doing so with a contentious spirit and nonstop meaningless drama. But all we ever had to do was live righteously and behave like modest, meek-and-quiet women. Truly, it never was really difficult in the first place.



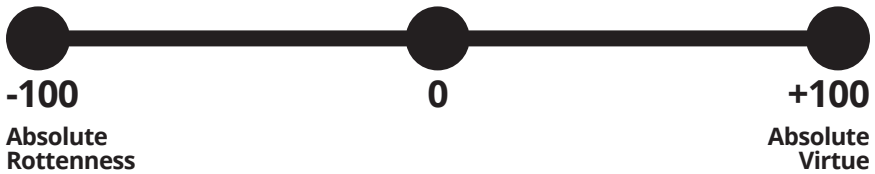
Your Glorious Future

Wow! Can you feel it? We've been on quite the journey together. And honestly I am so proud of you for making it to the end with me. I hope you didn't throw the book at the window. I hope you didn't scream so loud that you scared the neighbors.

But I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for being conscientious enough yourself to venture into the darkest place in your life, which is and will always be, the corners of our heart. We have learned together what it means to be a real wife. We have learned what a blessing it is to be married to a Strong Christian Man. We have learned how we can either help or hinder our Strong Christian Men, and we have identified the fact that the future of the world literally depends on God being able to use our husbands to accomplish His will.

If you are reading this book, it is more likely that you are on the negative end of the Wife Spectrum. What is the wife Spectrum? It is the range that measures a woman's attitude. It goes from -100 on the left which represents absolute *rottenness*, to +100 on the right which represents absolute *virtue*.

WIFE SPECTRUM



I know there are some women who read this book who are already on the high end of the spectrum, and God bless every one of you for being so. But the majority of my readers are on the negative side of the spectrum, and reading this book was probably very difficult, painful, and infuriating for you.

But God bless you for being open to receiving the truth! If you will take the principles you learned in this book, you can apply them immediately and change your relationship overnight with your husband. Sure, it will take some time for him to trust that the *new* you is the *real* you, but he is going to fall in love with this new you. And more importantly, the strife will be gone and the fruit in your lives and your relationship will flow continuously and for all time.

And all that means is that you will have the most glorious future, and the only thing that your husband, your children, your grandchildren, and multiple generations of your offspring will say of you is:

Proverbs 31:28-29 "Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."

That is your future, dear sister. That is your glorious future. Now get to it...



Libby Doe

LibbyDoe.com

