

# FOUR REASONS WHY HUSBAND'S PRAYERS ARE NOT ANSWERED

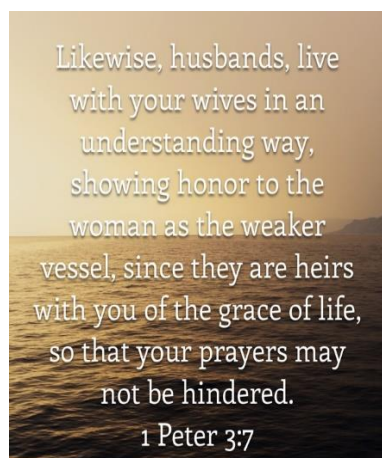
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*1 Peter 3:7 – “Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.”*



Peter says that a Christian husband's prayers can be hindered! God will protect wives from unjust and selfish husbands. God knows everything a husband does to his wife. He knows how a husband treats his wife, "Good or Bad"! Therefore, Peter warns all husbands that their

prayers will be hindered if they don't treat them as God commands in His Word.

## **\*HOW ARE HUSBANDS PRAYERS HINDERED THAT GOD WILL NOT ANSWER THEM?**

### **THE HUSBAND DOES NOT RESPECT HIS WIFE**

"...and treat them with respect as the weaker partner..." 1Pet. 3:7b

Respect means a feeling of deep admiration for someone or something and in this case, your wife. Many husbands don't respect their wives because of some failure or mistakes she has committed. They hold the failure against her in their self-righteousness. Some don't respect them because they think that she is to be perfect in everything she does. The reason he has lost respect toward his wife is

that the devil has managed to get his eyes on all her flaws and mistakes. He thinks he is perfect and more holy than her. So he is mean, harsh, belittles her, and speaks out of anger towards her. The problem is not his wife, but the husband has somehow broken away from his prayer closet. That broken fellowship between God and husband has cause him to die spiritually and has been blinded by devil. He has blinded the husband from recognizing that God has placed him as the head of his wife. He is the godly husband, leader, priest, father of his household. When the husband loses his respect towards his wife, it means that he has lost his respect towards God because of his sin of breaking away from his prayer closet.

When the husband is consistently praying and connecting with Jesus, the anointing of God will flow through him so that he can treat his wife with respect. (1Peter 1:2)

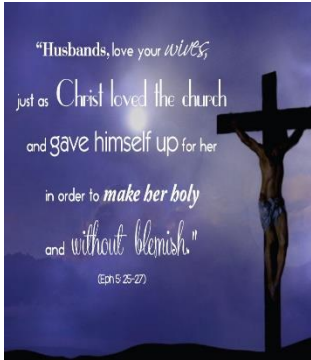
The Holy Spirit will bring conviction upon him when he sidetracks from the Word concerning his respect to his wife. If the husband does not repent of his blindness and being disrespectful to his wife, one day he will snap that his prayers are not being answer. The Holy Spirit will take them to this scripture, "Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect... so that nothing will hinder your prayers." 1Peter 3:7

### **THE HUSBAND IS HARSH WITH HIS WIFE**

Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. Col. 3:19

The word 'Harsh' means ungentle and unpleasant in action or effect: harsh treatment; harsh manners. So, if the husband is being harsh with his wife than he is being opposite of what the Holy Spirit is. The fruits of the Holy Spirit are: "...love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,

**goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.” Gal. 5:22**



The husband that is being harsh is missing most of the fruit of the Holy Ghost! So that means he is not spiritual and not Christ like because he is failing in his prayer with Jesus. Holy Spirit will produce His fruit in your prayer closet. (Rev. 22:1)

The husband must repent and go back to his intimate

relationship with God and allow Jesus to restore him once again. The husband must above all understand that his wife is under his leadership and covering and God will hold him accountable for her well-being.

**“For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.” Eph. 5:23**

Husbands! You are accountable for your wife and God demands you not be ‘Harsh’ with them. Be gentle, loving, kind, and understanding with them. Why? So that your prayers will not be hindered. Husbands must love their wives no matter of all her flaws and many mistakes she makes.

**“However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself...”**

Eph. 5:33a

The Bible does not say for husbands to love their wives only when they feel like it or when they are being a perfect wife, no, the Word says, ‘You must love your wife.’

Even when a wife makes her mistakes who are you Mr. Perfect Husband not to forgive her!

### **THE HUSBAND DOES NOT LOVE HIS WIFE AS CHRIST LOVES THE CHURCH**

**“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.”**

How does Jesus love His Church? With unconditional love. Agape Love. God is a forgiving God. Husbands are to love their wives in same manner as Jesus does, with a forgiving heart. How many times is the husband supposed to forgive his wife daily?

**“Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who**

**sins against me? Up to seven times?” Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.”**

Husbands need to give their wives plenty of room for them to make their mistakes. God gives husbands enough room for them to make their awful mistakes, so don’t become self-righteous when your wives make their part of blunders. Wives are humans too and they are not perfect, and God made them different than men. They will have bad days, weird days, don’t touch me days, happy days, crying days, emotional days and crazy days, but despite all this God says, **“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church...”**

Love her like when you did in the beginning when both of you were dating. You were so in love with her and she could do no wrong and you could not wait to marry her. But what happened after you got married? What happened to that love you had for her? Did it just automatically disappear suddenly? Did your love for your wife just vanished into thin air? No! The problem is that you Husband, have left your first love, Jesus! Now you are trying to love your wife with your limited human love. You need to go back to your First Love, Jesus, so that you can love your wife with His unconditional love. **“Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.” Rev. 2:4-5**

God is saying to the loveless husband; **You have forsaken the love you had at first.... Repent and do the things you did at first.** Husband go back to Jesus and feed on His love so you can love your wife again. The problem is not your wife! You are the leader in charge of your wife and you alone are responsible for your spiritual life and as a priest of your household, you are responsible for her. Despite her failures and mistakes.

If you cannot forgive your wife when she makes her mistakes, God will not forgive you and not answer your prayers. “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. **Forgive, and you will be forgiven.**” Luke 6:37

Husbands must learn to forgive and forget the errors of their wives and love them as Jesus loves His Church. We should pray like David, **“But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.** Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. **Then I**

will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.”  
Ps.19:12-13

### **THE HUSBAND REFUSES TO UNDERSTAND HIS WIFE**

“Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.” KJV

To live with your wife in an understanding way is to have knowledge of loving your wife according to God’s Word.



This means the husband is placed in a position where he must seek God on a consistent basis and for him to read and study the Word of God. God will teach and reveal to the husband how to walk, live, and conduct himself in a godly manner as a man of God. God will give him

revelation of what a man after God’s heart is like. A true man of God that will become a godly husband that will love and treat his wife with respect and honor. The Holy Spirit will lead him in buying spiritual marriage books that are written by anointed Christian authors that will help you in becoming that godly husband. In simple words, a spiritual husband that has biblical knowledge in marriage principles will live with his wife in an understanding way.

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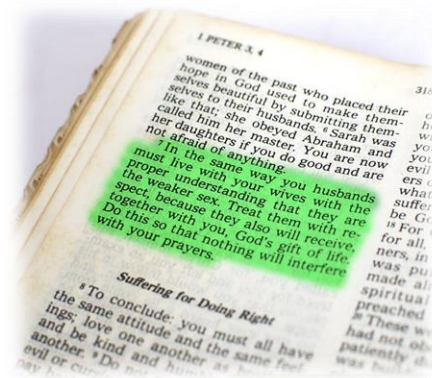
“You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way...” NASB

Yes, husbands you can live with your wife in an understanding way! So, stop crying and being a momma’s boy and man up and love your wife. The carnal and selfish husband refuses to know the ways of God and will not understand the spiritual things of God and that includes the spiritual principles in marriage.

“A brutish man knoweth not; neither doth a fool understand this.” Ps. 92:6 KJV

“A senseless man has no knowledge, Nor does a stupid man understand this.” Ps 92:6 NASB

When the husband begins to know the ways of a Holy God, he will begin to be a godly man and a godly husband that understands his wife. He will love his wife even with all her flaws.



### **FOUR REASONS WHY HUSBANDS’ PRAYERS ARE NOT ANSWERED:**

- I. *THE HUSBAND DOES NOT RESPECT HIS WIFE*
- II. *THE HUSBAND IS HARSH WITH HIS WIFE*
- III. *THE HUSBAND DOES NOT LOVE HIS WIFE AS CHRIST LOVES THE CHURCH*
- IV. *THE HUSBAND REFUSES TO UNDERSTAND HIS WIFE*

Where are you failing?

Repent and ask God to help you in each area.