

THE MINISTRY OF THE LEADER'S WIFE

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Ten "Commandments" for Leaders' Wives.

- 1. By God's grace to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength.**
Without God it is impossible to be a pastor's wife. You need God in all His fulness and reality. Therefore put Him first and desire Him above all else, *Ps 73:25,26*.
As you wait upon the Lord, He will renew your strength, *Is 40:31, Ps 27:14, Ps 31:24*.
He will give the grace you need, *2Cor 12:9*.
Make it a priority to seek Him daily with quality time.
- 2. With God's help accept yourself as you are,** (i.e. those things that are unchangeable. See No 95, page6). God made you as you are to fulfil His purposes. You are special, unique. God has chosen you, *Jn 15:16*. Do not despise what God has made.
- 3. Through God's strength allow Him to mould, adjust you into His likeness and image,** (i.e. the things of your nature that can be changed, e.g. the old nature of anger, pride, selfishness etc. See No 95, page 4). As you seek Him He will show you what attitudes are wrong and where change is needed, e.g. unthankfulness, unwillingness, etc. *Rom 6:1-14, Gal 2:20*.
- 4. With God's grace, love, honour, respect, be faithful and loyal to your husband, as the head and leader of the home.**
God has made the husband to be the leader. He has made the woman to be the heart or emotional centre of the home. Both are equal in importance but different in function. The wife must be willing to share and speak as God reveals His word to her. Husbands need the wife's respect and encouragement, in the same way that wives need their emotional needs met by their husband, *Eph 5:22-33, 1Pet 3:7*.
- 5. As God helps you, be a helper that is just right for your husband.**
God made Adam a helpmeet - one who was exactly right to help him. You need to be a helper and not a competitor to make a complete unit, especially helping by prayer.
A threefold cord of relationship between God, man and woman is very strong and not easily broken, *Eccl 4:12*, (a threefold cord is actually stronger than a fourfold cord).
It was a law in Israel that those who watched the stuff received the same reward as those that went out to war, *Ps 68:12,13, 1Sam 30:24,25, Num 31:27*. Similarly, when husband and wife work together they receive the same reward.
- 6. By God's love care for your children, both physically and spiritually.**
Children are a gift from God and a great responsibility. They depend on you for guidance and training - be careful what you teach them, deliberately or sub-consciously, *Pro 22:6*.
Parents are really preparing a way for God to walk in the child's life, *Is 40:3*. Teach them to eat properly, be clean, honest, obedient. Teach them to pray, read God's Word, hear God's voice, repent, forgive. Both parents need to claim the promises of God for their children. *Is 49:25, Is 44:3-5, Is 54:13, Ps 90:16, Ps 144:11,12, Ps 147:13,14, Jer 31:16,17*.

7. **With God's help, keep your house in peace.**

The wife is the keeper of the home, to guide the house, *Tit 2:5, 1Tim 5:14*. Speak peace into the home so that it becomes a haven from the world, *Phil 4:7, Lk 10:5*.

Declare the Lordship of Christ over the home and establish the rule and reign of Christ, *Phil 2:11*.

8. **Through the God of Peace be content with what the Lord gives you.**

If the wife becomes discontented she is really being unthankful to God. Be thankful in all things, *1Tim 6:6, Phil 4:11,19, Heb 13:5*.

9. **As you look to the Lord do not compare yourself with other women.**

The wife needs to be the person God wants her to be, and not what somebody else thinks she should be or she would like to be, *2Cor 10:12*.

10. **Through God's strength guard your house with all diligence against the wiles of the enemy.**

Satan would love to destroy the pastor's home and makes it a prime attacking point.

Recognise the enemy and how to use God's weapons of warfare - Word, the Blood of Jesus, the power of the Holy the Spirit, the Name of Jesus. Keep the gates and only let in what is pure and lovely, *Phil 4:8*. Watch what TV, books, people, etc come into the home.