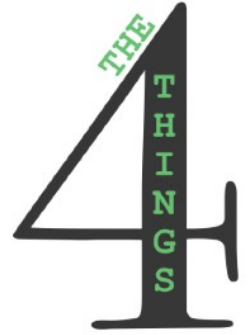


Four things every husband wished his wife knew



Getting Started

Take a moment to answer one of the following questions and share it with your group.

- What are four facts about yourself that most people in your life do not know?
- What are four responsibilities that are on your plate that you wished you could take off?
- What are four things that you do that the people around you don't appreciate you enough for?

Going Deeper

On Sunday Jack talked about four things that husbands wished their wives knew, but three of the four character qualities apply to most of the relationships in our lives. Let's take a moment to talk about how each of these areas impact our important relationships.

1. We need respect for what we do

Read [Ephesians 5:25-33](#).

The two words that we need to use in our relationships in these verses are "*love*" and "*respect*." The word respect here means, "to reverence, venerate, to regard with great honor."

- What do you think the difference is between love and respect?
- Would you rather the people close to you give you love or respect?
- What do these two characteristics look like lived out in every day life?

[Romans 12:10](#) says, "*Love each other with genuine affection and take delight in honoring each other.*" What are some ways you can better respect and honor the people that are important in your life?

2. We don't do subtle

Jesus was quoted as saying in [Matthew 5:37](#), "*All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.*" What do you think he meant by this statement?

On week one of our series the wives asked husbands "*be aware of my wants and needs*" but this week the husbands told the wives "*We don't do subtle. Tell us straight!*" What do you think the proper balance is between these two differing ideas?

How can we strive to be clear in our expectations and on the other hand study the important people in our lives so we know their needs?

3. We want you to know we love you

Take a moment to read the following verses that talk about the priority of love in our lives.

[Galatians 6:14](#)

[Ephesians 4:2](#)

[Ephesians 5:1-2](#)

[Ephesians 5:25](#)

Answer one of the following questions about love.

- What is the most creative thing you've done to show someone in your life that you love them?
- What is the most profound thing anyone ever did for you that showed their love?
- What is one, simple, uncomplicated way that someone in your life can make you feel loved during your day?

4. Bonus Question for married couples.

One of the things that husbands wanted wives to know (no real surprise here)

We feel most connected through sex

Generally women feel connected through time and communication and men feel connected by physical touch. Take a moment to express what that looks like for you as a man or you as a woman.

Read [I Corinthians 7:3-5](#). What do these verses tell us about the role of sex in marriage?

Shaunti Feldhahn interviewed more than 1,000 men prior to writing her book, *For Women and* and learned the following. Take a moment to read the following quote and discuss what it means.

Men want more sex than they are getting. And what's more, they believe that the women who love them don't seem to realize that this is a crisis—not only for the man, but for the relationship.... For your husband, sex is more than just a physical need. Lack of sex is as emotionally serious to him, as, say, his sudden silence would be to you, were he simply to stop communicating with you.

It is just as wounding to him, just as much a legitimate grievance—and just as dangerous to your marriage. When you don't understand one another sexually, you run the very high risk of not connecting emotionally. And what could add some spice to our relationship, becomes a battlefield and a power match where he's always keeping score— “We've only had sex once in the past three weeks.”

[Philippians 2:3](#) tells us “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves.” How does this verse apply to our marriage relationships and specifically this topic.



