

Outline

Love Affair

Forever Faithful: Living Under God's Authority

Point #Content

1 Why do couples seem to start irresistible and end up incompatible?

When dating, we often concentrate on discovering the emotional needs of the person we are attracted to and spending time learning how to fulfill that need. But once attained, we stop believing that we need to invest in the other person and those emotional needs go unmet.

2 Why do some single people find it hard to find someone who will meet their emotional needs and be attractive to them?

Because they are looking so hard for someone to meet their emotional need and take care of them rather than seeking to serve the other person's emotional need.

3 How can a husband make himself irresistible to his wife?

Affection He tells her daily that he loves her with words, cards, flowers, and common courtesies. He hugs and kisses her many times each day, creating an environment of affection that clearly and repeatedly expresses his love for her.

Conversation He sets aside time every day to talk to her – about events in their lives, children, feelings, or plans – judgment free, always informative, and constructive – often, and he responds with interest.

Honesty and Openness He tells her everything about himself, leaving nothing out that might surprise her later – describes his positive and negative feelings, events of his past, his daily schedule, and his plans for the future.

Financial Support He assumes the responsibility to house, feed, and clothe the family. If his income is insufficient to support the family, he resolves the problem by upgrading skills to increase his salary. Does not work long hours, keeping himself from his wife and family, but is able to provide support by working 40-45 hour week – while he encourages his wife to pursue a career, he does not depend on her salary for living expenses.

Family Commitment He commits sufficient time and energy to the moral and educational development of the children – engages them in sports, helps with homework, and takes them on outings. Learns with his wife to be a better parent – agree together on discipline and training methods – realizes that his care of the children is critically important to her.

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4 How can a wife make herself irresistible to her husband?

Sexual Fulfillment She meets this need by becoming a terrific sexual partner – open communication about sex that fulfills, and together they learn to have a sexual relationship that both find repeatedly satisfying and enjoyable.

Recreational Companionship She develops an interest in the recreational activities he enjoys most and tries to become proficient at them. If she finds she cannot enjoy them, she encourages him to consider other activities that they can enjoy together. She becomes a favorite recreation companion and he associates her with his most enjoyable moments of relaxation.

Physical Attractiveness She keeps herself physically fit with diet and exercise, and she wears her hair, makeup, and clothes in a way that he finds attractive and tasteful.

Domestic Support She creates a home that offers him a refuge from the stresses of life. She manages the household responsibilities and encourages him to spend time at home enjoying his family.

Admiration She understands and appreciates him more than anyone else. She reminds him of his value and achievements and helps him maintain self-confidence. She avoids criticizing him and is proud of him, not out of duty, but from a profound respect for the man she chose to marry.

5 To be happy and married, you will have to learn to be a person who meets the needs of the other person rather than looking for your needs to be met.

6 Forever Faithful Marriages are built under God's Authority.

It's a serving contest!

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Ephesians 5:21 NIV

It's all about SUPPORT, Baby!

Wives, understand and support your husbands in ways that show your support for Christ. The husband provides leadership to his wife the way Christ does to his church, not by domineering but by cherishing. So just **AS** the church submits to Christ **AS** he exercises such leadership, wives should likewise submit to their husbands. Ephesians 5:22-24 TM

It's the LOVE, Hunk!

Husbands, go all out in your love for your wives, exactly **AS** Christ did for the church—a love marked by giving, not getting. Christ's love makes the church whole. His words evoke her beauty. Everything he does and says is designed to bring the best out of her, dressing her in dazzling white silk, radiant with holiness. And that is how husbands ought to love their wives. They're really doing themselves a favor—since they're already "one" in marriage. Ephesians 5:25-28 TM

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