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Disciplining Our Minds to Love Our Spouses

The 10th Word

Sermon Notes for October 23, 2011 by Pastor Dennis R. Tuuri

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife; and you shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field, his male servant, his female servant, his ox, his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.'

Sinful Covetousness and Our Thoughts

2 Cor. 10:3-6 - "Take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ" including our own! This involves casting down (and out!) our own sinful thoughts.

Phil. 4:4-10 - God commands us to think in a particular way, and promises to keep our minds.

Ps. 1:1 - God commands us to not think the way the ungodly do.

Heb. 5:14 - We are to discern between good and evil, which would include our own thoughts.

1 Cor. 2:16 - We have the mind of Christ (revealed in the Bible), and should use it!

Rom. 14:23 - Whatever is not of faith (including our thoughts) is sin.

Ps. 1:1 - Avoid malware. use your protection software, keeping it updated,

Mark 7:20-23 - Thoughts come from our hearts and can thus be a diagnostic tool for our sanctification. Working on our thoughts, asking why, we work on our hearts. Take time!

Matt. 2:12 - God uses dreams to warn us of things, including our own sinful hearts and thoughts.

Rom. 8:29 - Pray, Observe, Don't Feed, but Repent (Specifically), working conformity to the thoughts and character of the Savior (Phil. 2:5)

Eph. 4:22 - Having put off sinful thoughts, put on good ones, until they become second nature to you.

Col. 3:2; Heb. 3:1 - Know who you are in Christ, and repent of thinking otherwise.

Shrapnel and healing, dirty eyeglasses and seeing.

Apply This To Your Marriage

Col. 3:19 - Put off bitterness

Proverbs 5:15-23 Decide to be satisfied and intoxicated with your spouse.

The Lawless Mind of Isaac in Genesis 27

Rom. 8:6; Rom. 12:2; Baby Steps

Ephesians 5:14-33

How to Make Your Wife Submissive

Sermon Outline for February 15, 2004 by Pastor Dennis R. Tuuri

Intro: Joy at our community! Understanding the will of the Lord, not your wife!
1 Peter 3:7; Ecc. 7:28

First, you assist your wife's submission by being **thankful** for her! (Don't be embittered)
Col. 3:19

Second, you assist your wife's submission by knowing **what submission is** and isn't.

At the heart of mature masculinity is a sense of benevolent responsibility to lead, provide for and protect women in ways appropriate to a man's differing relationships.

At the heart of mature femininity is a freeing disposition to affirm, receive and nurture strength and leadership from worthy men in ways appropriate to a woman's differing relationships. John Piper, **Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood**

Third, you assist your wife's submission by **submitting to your wife**, in fear of God.
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Fourth, you assist your wife's submission by recognizing that your wife's submission is **not primarily your responsibility** but hers. Your role in this is derivative of your primary role – to love her.

Fifth, you assist your wife's submission by **loving her** and serving her self-sacrificially.

Sixth, you assist your wife's submission by **ministering God's Word** to her.

Seventh, you assist your wife's submission by **being respectable**.

Song of Songs 1:1-4
How to Make Your Husband Love You
Sermon Outline for July 25, 2004 by Pastor Dennis R. Tuuri

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A. You encourage your husband's love by being **thankful** for him!

First, you assist your wife's submission by being thankful for her! (Don't be embittered) Col. 3:19
Believe the sovereignty of God and think covenantally.

B. You encourage your husband's love by knowing **what love is** and isn't.

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C. You encourage your husband's love by **submitting** to your husband, and, thus, to God.

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F. You encourage your husband's love by **ministering God's Word to him, and praying** for him.

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Priscilla and Aquila; Song of Songs 4:16

G. You encourage your husband's love by being **loveable**.

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Dr. Laura “The Proper Care and Feeding of Husbands” “Woman Power”

Dr. Laura and the Virgins of the Song of Songs, 5:10-16; see also 5:4,5

2. How Mrs. Solomon Encouraged Her Husband's Love in the Song of Songs.

A. She sought for, and initiated, **physical intimacy** 1:2a,13; 2:17; 3:1-4; 7:11-8:2; 8:14

Don't be Gnostic!

She sought out him whom she loved – 1:7a

She made herself attractive, to his eyes, nose, and ears - 1:10,12,15, 2:14; 4:1-7, 9-11; 6:4-7; 7:1-10

Community Assistance – 1:11

B. She properly **prioritized her husband's** love – v. 2b, 2:3

Work at it!

C. She **highly valued and respected** her husband – v. 3, 2:8,9; 8:5, 7

Don't demean or nag!

D. She took the initiative in getting **alone with her husband** – v. 4A; 7:11,12

Don't wait for him!

E. She was **successful** in encouraging her husband's love! – 4b; 7:11

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