

Chapter 15: Husbands, We Have To Do Better

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Growing up a teenager, I can remember only a few good Husbands. Most of my friend's Fathers had left their families. My teenage years are where I gained the respect that I have for women.

The men that were around were bad examples. They were either not employed, working but broke, not responsible, not educated, or they did not value family or marriage. For the most part, the only men that made a positive impression on me were my athletic Coaches. My homeboys and I all kind of made ourselves into men.

Now that I am an adult, Husbands haven't changed much. Men don't take pride in the title Husband. Even as a young man, I have always felt that I wanted to be the Best Husband in the World. I want to be Husband of the Year. I want all Wives to know that their Husband sucks compared to me. I want all Husbands to know that their Wives could be happier if I would have chosen them. I want my Wife to know that she could not do better than me. Not even in a dream or fantasy she could do better than me. She can try and fight it while sleeping and dreaming. She may chose to have Denzel save her in her dreams tonight, but by the time she has awoken, I have invaded her dream and whipped Denzel's @ss. We on a horsy, riding off into the sunset. If my Wife is out with a group of Wives and some random stupid Wife said "My Husband is the best Husband in the world", I want my Wife to feel compelled to kick her @ss. I want my Wife to

take that rhetoric as blasphemy toward her King, her Husband, Me and beat her down with multiples of jabs and uppercuts to the jawbone. (I remember you! They use to call you jawbone!!!)

I have felt like that all my life and other men just don't feel the same way I do about the title of Husband. To be a Husband to me means that I take care of my Wife. Her wants, her desires, her needs. I give what I have. I try my best. I give to her as much affection as she wants. I help out around the house and with the kids. I work hard, I provide. I keep safe and secure. I plan, I prepare. It is important to me that she be happy. If some thing is wrong with the car, I handle it. Women don't want to deal with no car. If my Wife calls me with a car problem, we switch cars. It's that simple. And enough of this Women driving Men around sh!t! My Wife don't drive me no where. I drive her every where. Some times I drive her to get her nails done. Drop her off and come back and pick her up.

My Wife need not worry about the bills, those are my worries. Even if she is the one balancing the checkbook, the money is in the bank. If the money is not in the bank, then I am balancing the checkbook and she won't know that the money is missing. Not saying that I am being sneaky or lying. It's not her business. All bills will be paid. I will save when we can. I will invest when we can. Not saying that I don't discuss financial plans with my Wife, I do. Our financial discussions are more like a status report. "This is what we got, this is what we are doing, this is what I would like to do, and this is what we need to do". I consider her opinion, but I make the decision and I sacrifice or live with the consequences.

I don't want to paint a rosy, perfect picture here. There are and have been and will be many, many more times that I may not be able to meet my Wife's desires, but on those days I cook dinner and rub her feet to ease the disappointment blow. If I don't have it, she knows that it is not from a lack of trying. I have earned her trust and respect. She knows that I am on it and what I don't have for her, I will get it. Additionally, I will have a clear, detailed explanation of why I have not met expectations. I take pride in being her Husband. What I give to her is not necessarily about what she deserves. It is mostly about the type of Husband that God intended for me to be. God said for me to love my Wife like He loves the church: Ephesians 5:25.

Maybe that is too much for some men to grasp and execute all at once, so let me give you three key things that a married man should do in order to be a successful Husband and Father.

1. Purchase my book "**Men Don't Heal, We Hoe**" - *A book about the emotional instability of men*. HA! I can't give yall the 3 things that a Man should do. You got to buy the book to get those! HA! GOTCHA! Right when it was getting good to you huh?

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