

1 Peter – Week 14

Why Is My Mate so NEEDY?

1 Peter 3:1 Wives, in the same way be submissive to your husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, 2 when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. 3 Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. 4 Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. 5 For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to make themselves beautiful. They were submissive to their own husbands, 6 like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear. 7 Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers. 8 Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. NIV

- We usually want God to take us out of the storm when FAITH needs to take us through the storm.

Phil 4:19 And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

- This promise may not come in your TIMING or in the package you have desired.
- We come by the right of our NECESSITY.
- “Glorious riches” means His abundance fullness; it’s His INEXHAUSTIBLE ability to supply the needs His children have.
- One of the greatest breakdowns in marriage comes from UNMET expectations.

Seven Basic Needs of a Husband

1. A husband needs a wife who RESPECTS him as a man.
How does a wife destroy her husband’s manliness?
 - By expecting him to know what PROTECTION she needs. Tell him what you need.
 - By being FINANCIALLY independent. Center your ministry in the home.
 - By showing greater LOYALTY to outside leadership.
 - By RESISTING his decisions in your spirit.
 - By resisting his PHYSICAL affections.
 - By taking MATTERS into your own hands.
2. A husband needs a wife who ACCEPTS him as a leader and believes in his God-given responsibility.

Basic needs of a leader:

- Reassurance that his AUTHORITY comes from God
- Confidence that God is WORKING through him, even if God takes you ways you don't want to go
- LOYALTY when mistakes are made and when pressure increases
- Admiration for leadership on a larger basis, trusting God will use him outside the home
- PRAISE for any qualities that he shows you daily
- Encouragement not to GIVE UP God-given goals when it's hard
- Patience during times of PRESSURE
- ENTHUSIASM for his achievements (like listening)

3. A husband needs a wife who will continue to DEVELOP inward and outward beauty.
4. A husband needs a wife who can lovingly appeal to him when he is going beyond his limitations.
5. A husband needs time to be ALONE with the Lord.
6. A husband needs a wife who is GRATEFUL for all he is doing and all he has done for you.
7. A husband needs a wife who will be praised by other people for her CHARACTER and her good works.

Seven Basics Needs of a Wife

1. A wife needs the STABILITY and direction of a spiritual leader.
2. A wife needs to know that she is meeting VITAL needs in your life and work that no other woman can meet
3. A wife needs to see and hear that you CHERISH her and that you delight in her as a person.
4. A wife needs to know that you understand her by protecting her in areas of her LIMITATIONS.
5. A wife needs to know that you enjoy setting time aside for INTIMATE conversation with her.
6. A wife needs to know that you are AWARE of her presence even when your mind is on other matters.
7. A wife needs to see that you are making INVESTMENTS in her life that will expand and fulfill her world.
8. A wife needs a husband to be willing to UNDERSTAND her thoughts and feelings even if they are different than his.