



LOVING LIKE JESUS

TECH SUPPORT FOR HUSBANDS

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What if your marriage problem came in the form of a Tech Support request? You may have seen this bit of humor: “Dear Tech Support, Last year I upgraded Girlfriend 1.0 to Wife 1.0. The new program took up more space. In addition, Wife 1.0 installed itself into all other programs and monitored all other system activity. Applications such as Boys Night Out 2.5 no longer runs. I can’t seem to purge Wife 1.0 from my system. I am thinking about reinstalling Girlfriend 1.0, but it doesn’t work. Help!” Tech Support: “Dear Customer, Wife 1.0 is an operating system designed to run everything. Warning: *Do not uninstall, delete, or purge Wife 1.0 from the system once installed.*) Trying to uninstall Wife 1.0 may destroy your hard drive. You cannot go back to Girlfriend 1.0 (see manual under Warning/Alimony/Child Support). Suggestions for improved operation of Wife 1.0: Number one, monthly use of utility such as TLC. Number two, frequent use of Communicator 5.0. Signed, Tech Support.”

The best Tech Support for marriage is found in Scripture. Paul tells husbands in Ephesians 5 three ways to love their wives like Jesus Christ loves the church: 1) Sacrificial Love. 2) Sanctifying Love. 3) Secure Love. Let’s explore these types of love:

1. **Sacrificial Love:** “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for



her” (Ephesians 5:25). Jesus loved us enough to come to the earth, become a man, suffer, and die. Most men think, *I’d take a bullet for my wife*. But the Bible isn’t asking you to die for your wife so much as live sacrificially. Make a meal for her. Go where she wants to go. Enter into her orbit of friends and fun.

2. **Sanctifying Love:** “That He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word” (Ephesians 5:26). Jesus’ love for us didn’t stop at the cross. His love continues as we grow in the grace and knowledge of Him. Husbands are to draw their wives away from worldly influences and closer to Jesus Christ. Some practical ways to do this are to read Scripture, do daily devotionals, and pray together.
3. **Secure Love:** “Husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies” (Ephesians 5:28). In other words, a man’s wife is an extension of the man. He should care for her. When he does, there will be a sense of security. Some men stop saying, “I love you” to their wives...until ten o’clock at night, then, “Ohhhh baby, I lo-o-o-o-ve you.” The wife suspects, *No, you don’t love me...you want me*. Your wife will feel secure in your love when you say you love her and act like you love her, again and again and again.

Husband 1.0 may not begin by being perfectly compatible with Wife 1.0. We need to work through the glitches and processes and come out the other side—together. Your marriage can survive and ultimately thrive when you work at it and apply God’s principles through the power of the Holy Spirit.