



Tools For Men

Love and Respect in Marriage

PURPOSE

To help you and your wife become intentional about meeting one another's greatest need

ADVANCE PREPARATION

Schedule a dinner or coffee date. Each spouse should listen to the 20-minute *Love and Respect in Marriage* presentation available for download from centralbcs.org/toolsformen. Each spouse should spend a few minutes writing down answers to the questions on the reverse side.

DURING THE DATE

Spend 15 minutes discussing your answers.

Getting Honest About Love and Respect

Husbands: Read aloud Ephesians 5:25-28 and answer the following questions:

Do you agree that your wife's primary marital need is to be cherished by you?

What are some of the ways you try to show her sacrificial love?

What are two to three ways she needs you to show love but you might find difficult?

What do you think your wife would say if invited to offer a few "baby step" suggestions on better meeting her needs?

Wives: Read aloud Ephesians 5:22-24 and answer the following questions:

Do you agree that your husband needs to feel respected?

What are some of the ways you try to show you admire and respect him?

What are two to three things he would appreciate but might be more difficult for you to do?

What do you think your husband would say if invited to offer a few "baby step" suggestions on better meeting his needs?

Together: Read aloud Ephesians 5:31-33. Hold hands and pray these words:

*Dear God, Help us to better fulfill the purpose of our marriage
by modeling the relationship between Christ and His Bride.
Amen.*