

## **"Communication: The KEY to a Woman's Heart"**

Often a marriage counselor will hear from a wife, "Why isn't my husband talking to me?" That is a common stated need. Yet rarely will a counselor hear a husband ask, "Why won't my wife talk?" A wife's second most important emotional need is she simply wants her husband to talk to her.

### **\* After the Fall God said to Eve (the mother of women) in Genesis 3:16:**

- 1. "your desire ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) shall be for your husband;**
- 2. and he will rule over ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) you."**

God's Goal was not for punishment, as much as He saw the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

### **A few general differences in the sexes:**

1. Men do not have as \_\_\_\_\_ for conversation with their wives, as women do with their husbands.
2. Women seem to enjoy conversation for its \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Relationally driven)
3. Women can talk on the phone for \_\_\_\_\_, while men \_\_\_\_\_ just to chat.
4. When men gather, they tend to talk about \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Men do not talk about \_\_\_\_\_ or their \_\_\_\_\_.

### **When Courting:**

1. Couples have their \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The goals people have when dating are to:
  - A. Get to \_\_\_\_\_ each other better.
  - B. Let each other know how much they \_\_\_\_\_ for each other.
  - C. Simply \_\_\_\_\_ each other.
3. During courtship a man especially becomes \_\_\_\_\_ about wanting to understand as much as he can about this new woman.
4. This kind of interest, affection, and conversation causes a woman to feel \_\_\_\_\_ to this man and \_\_\_\_\_ a deep need within her.
5. She assumes that her husband will continue doing these pleasing things for the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. She feels bonded to the man as long as the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ continues. (daily)
7. Sadly in most marriages the conversation \_\_\_\_\_ because:
  - A. The new \_\_\_\_\_ of daily life catch them off guard.
  - B. They \_\_\_\_\_ engaging in the activities that brought them

- together in the first place.
- C. The couple fails to \_\_\_\_\_ for each other.
- D. Take each other for granted. (the \_\_\_\_\_ is over)

### **Suggestions:**

1. Remember how it was when you were \_\_\_\_\_. You both still need to exhibit that same intense \_\_\_\_\_ in each other; in what you have to say, and especially about your feelings.
2. A woman has a profound \_\_\_\_\_ to engage in conversation about her concerns and interests with someone who – in her perception cares deeply \_\_\_\_\_ her and \_\_\_\_\_ her.
3. Husbands: Remember, most women \_\_\_\_\_ with men who have set aside time to exchange conversation and affection with them.
4. They \_\_\_\_\_ in love with men who continue to meet those needs.
5. Don't sacrifice \_\_\_\_\_ (closeness) for career or lifestyle advancement.
  - A. It's the \_\_\_\_\_ and most subtle trap.
  - B. The red flag phrase is, "I don't \_\_\_\_\_ -."
  - C. The man who makes time to talk to a woman will have an \_\_\_\_\_ to her heart.
  - D. **MEN:** It must be \_\_\_\_\_. (set a goal)
6. Examples of settings that can facilitate talk are:
7. Find activities where you as a couple can \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Make sure it allows you to \_\_\_\_\_ on each other. (undivided time)
  - B. Activities can be \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_. (which is the best?)
8. **Never use conversation:**
  - A. As a form of \_\_\_\_\_. (ridicule/name-calling/ swearing/ sarcasm)
  - B. To force your spouse to \_\_\_\_\_ with your way of thinking. (It's OK to have different feelings and opinions.)
  - C. To remind each other of past \_\_\_\_\_.
9. **To connect with your spouse:**
  - A. **MEN:** Learn to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. Develop interest in each other's favorite \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. Learn to \_\_\_\_\_ your conversation with equal time for each other.
  - D. Use conversation to:
    - \_\_\_\_\_ each other of your personal interests.
    - \_\_\_\_\_ each other's feelings and attitudes without trying to change each other.
    - \_\_\_\_\_ each other's motivations in life.