MALE AND FEMALE... HER NEEDS

Genesis 1:27 & Mark 10:6 **GENESIS 1:27 God created** man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

MARK 10:6 But from the beginning of creation, *God* MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE.

1. AFFECTION

Affection is the expression of care. It symbolizes security, protection, comfort, and approval.

You are important to me.

I will care for you and protect you.

I am concerned about the problems you face and will be there for you when you need me.

Affection is, for many, THE GLUE of a relationship.

2. INTIMATE CONVERSATION

But the need for intimate conversation should be met *exclusively in marriage.* Intimate conversation is characterized by the following:

1. To inform and investigate... 2. Focusing attention... 3. Balancing the conversation... 4. Giving each other undivided attention...

Intimate conversation fails to meet this need when: **Demands** are made. Disrespect is shown. One or both *become angry*. When it is used to dwell on mistakes of the past or present.

Unless conversation is mutually enjoyable, a couple is better off not talking to each other at all. Male and Female need to consider how we talk with each other and do our best to be forgiving and respectful.

3. HONESTY AND OPENNESS

Most of us want an honest relationship with our spouse.

It gives us a *sense of security* and helps them *become emotionally bonded* to the one who meets that need.

If their spouse does not provide honest and open communication, trust is undermined, and the feelings of security can eventually be destroyed.

Honesty and openness help build compatibility in marriage.

4. FINANCIAL SUPPORT

People often marry for the financial security *that they expect* their spouse to provide them.

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What constitutes financial support?

5. FAMILY COMMITMENT

WHAT IS FAMILY **COMMITMENT?** The arrival of children may create in you the need for your spouse to become active in the moral and educational development of the children.

Family commitment is...

Taking responsibility for *how* the children will turn out.
It is teaching them the *values* of faith and family.

Family commitment is...

It is spending *quality time* with your children. It is helping to *insure happiness and success* for them as adults.

1. AFFECTION 2. INTIMATE CONVERSATION **3. HONESTY AND OPENNESS 4. FINANCIAL SUPPORT 5. FAMILY COMMITMENT**

1 Corinthians 13:5 It [LOVE] is not rude; it is not selfseeking; it is not provoked **[nor overly sensitive and** easily angered]; it does not take into account a wrong endured.