



80. Hindered Husbands

“Husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered,” 1 Peter 3:7.

The effectiveness of a man's prayers is dependent on how he treats his wife. Husbands should live with their wives *in an understanding way* ... in an intelligent and empathetic way. Men need to know that women aren't as strong as men are. However, physical strength has nothing to do with equality. A husband should honor his wife as a fellow-heir, a spiritual equal, in God's family. The word translated as honor in this verse means to consider being of great

worth ... to esteem as a person of high rank ... to consider to be precious and highly valued. A good husband honors his wife. If a man treats his wife in these ways, his prayers will not be hindered.

Husband, do you want your prayers to be more effective? Then understand that your wife isn't as strong as you are. A mother is physically stronger than her young son. Husband, don't act like a boy. Don't treat your wife as your substitute mother. You are stronger than your wife ... *but* she is also your equal heir of the grace of life. Consider her to be of great worth. Don't overpower her. Show her honor. Then your prayers won't be hindered. A man who treats his wife in this way is truly strong. Young woman, marry a man who understands ... one who will honor you. And young man, be this kind of husband when you marry.