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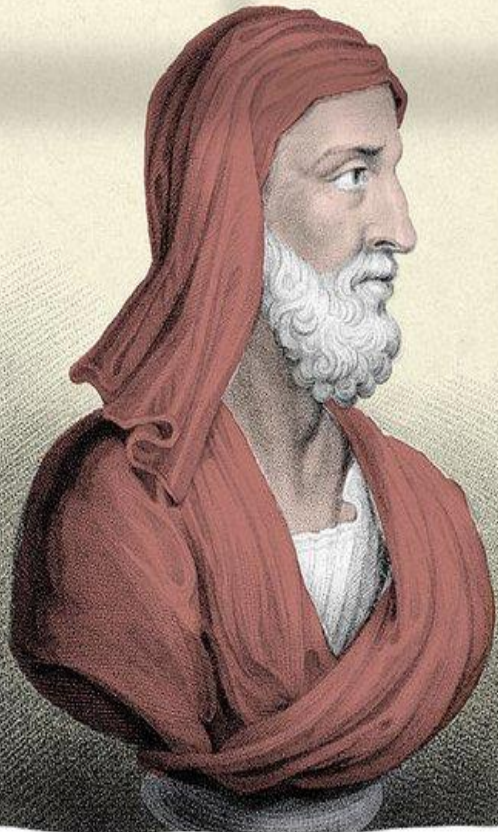
Encouragement to endure when life gets tough

MAIN IDEA:

The goal of marriage is to live out our faith in Jesus, not just achieve personal happiness.

1 Peter 3:1-2

Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, ² when they see the purity and reverence of your lives.



“A wife should not acquire her own friends, but should make her husband’s friends her own. The gods are the first and most significant friends. For this reason, it is proper for a wife to recognize only those gods whom her husband worships” -*Greek Historian Plutarch* (46-127 AD)

1 Peter 3:1-2 (The Message)

The same goes for you wives: Be good wives to your husbands, responsive to their needs. There are husbands who, indifferent as they are to any words about God, will be captivated by your life of holy beauty.

1 Peter 3:3-4

³ Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. ⁴ Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.

1 Peter 3:5-6

⁵ For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves. They submitted themselves to their own husbands, ⁶ like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her lord. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.

1 Peter 3:7

⁷ Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

1 Peter 3:7 (The Message)

⁷ The same goes for you husbands: Be good husbands to your wives. Honor them, delight in them. As women they lack some of your advantages. But in the new life of God's grace, you're equals. Treat your wives, then, as equals so your prayers don't run aground.

1 Peter 3:1-8

⁸ Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.

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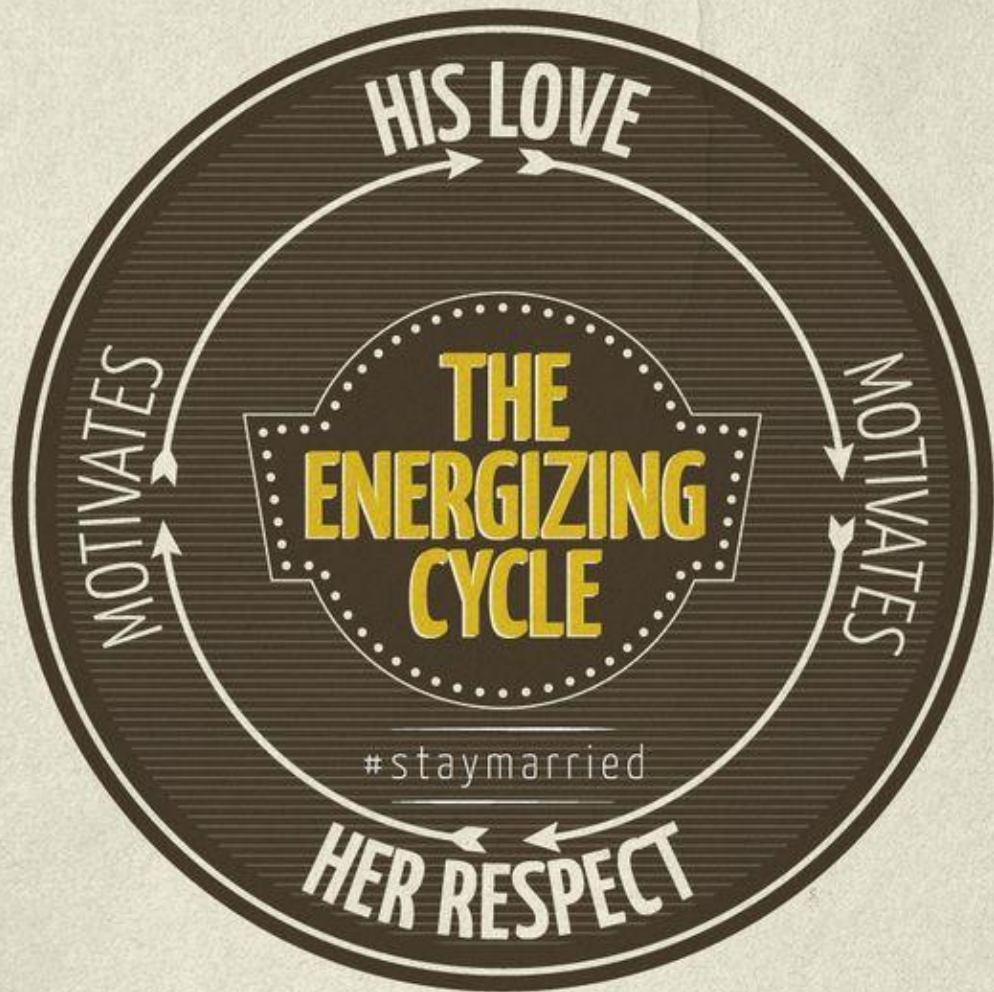
It's not an accident that in every culture, as a rule, men are bigger and stronger than women. Is this not God's visual aid concerning His purpose for men? When Nehemiah led his men in rebuilding the wall and fighting off the enemy, he urged them to "fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters your wives" (Neh. 4:14).

Something in a man longs for his wife to look up to him as he fulfills this role. And when she does, it motivates him, not because he is arrogant, but because of how God has constructed him. Few husbands walk around claiming “I’m first among equals.” The husband with goodwill (and good sense) knows this isn’t his right, but it is his responsibility.

She, on the other hand, possesses something within that thirsts to be valued as “first in importance”. Nothing energizes her more! She is not self-centered. God placed this in her by nature.

- Dr. Emerson Eggerichs, “Love & Respect”





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