

Fighting is a Symptom of the Real Problem

Examples

Fight #1

I came home from grocery shopping and got mad because my husband wasn't at the door PROMPTLY to help me bring them in/put them away. I was angry and in no time we were fighting.

Fighting with my husband is a symptom of the **real** problem.

The Real Problem

I believe that my husband ought to be ready at any given time to serve/help me.

What Does God Say?

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

—Romans 12:3

Fight #2

I had just finished doing my husband's laundry one day only to find more dirty

clothes lying on his side of the bed. Instantly I became angry. He asked me to do his laundry the night before, that is fine, but he cannot even pick up his laundry on HIS SIDE OF THE BED? I didn't think I should have to scout out his dirty laundry that he prefers to be washed in a timely manner.

Plus, when he asks me to do things, I know he means promptly. How many times do I ask him to do something for me and I need to nag him before it gets done?

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The Real Problem

I think I am simply serving my husband when I go “above and beyond” my call of normal household duties (to scout out his dirty laundry.)

I am **NOT** simply doing my husband's laundry.

What Does God Say?

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,"—Colossians 3:23

You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."—2 Corinthians 9:7

Fight #3

I was excitedly telling my husband the revelation I had about something and

somewhere in my storytelling I told him in a roundabout way that I submit my will to God so that I don't end up fighting with Emerson.

He replied and said, "Boy, is there anything you do for me because you love me?"

We began to fight because he just didn't understand and I was hurt. Couldn't he see that I was being a good wife by submitting my will to God's & reaping peace in our marriage?

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The Real Problem

I didn't understand that submitting to my husband (as unto God) was lacking love on my part.

What Does God Say?

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.

—1 Corinthians 13:1

Fight #4

My husband didn't want to stop and get flowers for his sister, whom I was throwing a baby shower for. Instead of submitting to him, I went behind his back and called

my mother-in-law to tell her we'd be a little later than expected because we were stopping to pick up flowers.

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The Real Problem

I rebelled against the kingdom of God when I refused my husband's leadership when he said, "No, we're not stopping to get flowers."

What Does God Say?

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.

—Romans 13:1-2

Fight #5

I got mad at my husband because he didn't lead our children in devotions on Saturdays without me riding him to do so. This isn't a problem anymore, but for many Saturdays this sparked a huge fight that lasted all weekend because he wasn't leading our children spiritually when he was home.

I am my husband's helper (synonym: deputy—one who acts in her supervisor's

absence). My husband wasn't absent, so I didn't think I should be the one leading devotions. Our children need to see their father as their spiritual leader.

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The Real Problem

I believed the lie (because of my submission to fear) that said, "If you don't nag (and fight) your husband to lead your children in devotions, they won't know the Lord."

What Does God Say?

About my husband

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

—Ephesians 6:4

About me, his wife

Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, when they see your respectful and pure conduct.

—1 Peter 3:1-2

About our children

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.

—John 6:44

