



*<sup>7</sup> In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life. Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered. **1 Peter 3:7** (NLT)*

- You need to be \_\_\_\_\_.

*<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ... <sup>33</sup> However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. **Ephesians 5:25, 33** (NIV)*

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*Now for the matters you wrote about: "It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman." <sup>2</sup> But since sexual immorality is occurring, each man should have sexual relations with his own wife, and each woman with her own husband. <sup>3</sup> The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. <sup>4</sup> The wife does not have authority over her own body but yields it to her husband. In the same way, the husband does not have authority over his own body but yields it to his wife. <sup>5</sup> Do not deprive each other except perhaps by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. **1 Corinthians 7:1-5** (NIV)*

- You need to be \_\_\_\_\_.

*Enjoy life with your wife whom you love. **Ecclesiastes 9:9** (NIV)*

*God ... richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.  
**1 Timothy 6:17b** (NIV)*

**STEP 5:** \_\_\_\_\_ - ...or I will come and take your lampstand.

*Let the person who is able to hear, listen to and follow what the Spirit proclaims to all the churches... **Revelation 2:7a** (VOICE)*

*If we are living in the light of God's presence...then we have wonderful fellowship and joy with each other . . . **1 John 1:7** (TLB)*

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➤ **6 STAGES OF DETERIORATION IN A RELATIONSHIP**



➤ **5 STEPS TO RESTORE A DETERIORATING RELATIONSHIP**

*But this is what I have against you: you do not love me now as you did at first. <sup>5</sup> Think how far you have fallen! Turn from your sins and do what you did at first. If you don't turn from your sins, I will come to you and take your lampstand. **Revelation 2:4b-5***

**STEP 1:** \_\_\_\_\_ - ...you do not love me now as you did at first.

- Love is not a \_\_\_\_\_, it's a \_\_\_\_\_.

**STEP 2:** \_\_\_\_\_ - Think how far you have fallen!

*Along Babylon's rivers we sat on the banks; we cried and cried, remembering the good old days in Zion. **Psalms 137:1** (MP)*

**STEP 3:** \_\_\_\_\_ - Turn from your sins...

*No! I can guarantee that they weren't. But if you don't turn to God and change the way you think and act, then you, too, will all die. **Luke 13:3** (GW)*

**STEP 4:** \_\_\_\_\_ - ...and do what you did at first.

**What you probably "did at first" that you need to do now.**

- You need to be \_\_\_\_\_.

*Live together in love, as though you had only one mind and one spirit between you. <sup>4</sup> Look to each other's interests, not merely your own.*