

# WORK RELATIONSHIPS — BOTH HUSBAND AND WIFE ON STAFF

## OUTLINE

### INTRODUCTION

#### I. FOUNDATION FACTS

- A. Foundation fact #1
- B. Foundation fact #2
- C. Foundation fact #3
- D. Foundation fact #4
- E. Foundation fact #5
  - 1. *Age of children.*
  - 2. *Health of wife.*
  - 3. *Training and capability of husband.*
  - 4. *Ability of wife.*
  - 5. *Temperaments.*
  - 6. *Spiritual maturity.*
  - 7. *Skill in interpersonal relations.*
- F. Foundation fact #6

#### II. ESSENTIALS FOR A SUCCESSFUL HUSBAND AND WIFE WORK RELATIONSHIP

- A. Dedication of each to the Lord — 100% surrender to Him.
- B. A vision of WHY (the purpose).
- C. Praying through problems individually and together.
- D. Keeping the lines of communication open.
- E. Mutual respect for each other's ministry, gifts and efforts.
- F. Professionalism in the work relationship.
- G. Apologizing when in error.
- H. Being ministry-oriented.
- I. Undergirding each other's ministry.
- J. Promoting Christian goals.
- K. Performing at a higher level of willingness and quality than someone who is not related to a team member.
- L. Sharing the load at home (Teamwork on meals, cleanup, home care, child care, etc.).
- M. Sensitivity of husband to wife's work needs for praise.
- N. Keeping neutral ground—treating her like any other team member at work and in work relationships.
- O. Submission of the wife to husband and Lord.

- P. Training children to catch and live the vision of their parents.
- Q. Realizing that at home some things will go undone.
- R. Eating out occasionally.
- S. Adequate rest, diet, relaxation.

### III. DANGERS TO A SUCCESSFUL HUSBAND AND WIFE WORK RELATIONSHIP

- A. Picking up an offense toward the other mate.
  - 1. *Affecting or coloring one's attitude toward the supposed offender.*
  - 2. *Being overly defensive or protective of mate.*
- B. Exhaustion.
- C. Pressure.
- D. Reminding each other at the CBLT CENTER or at church of the problems that they have at home.
- E. Disagreeing with each other in public.
- F. Taking wife's or child's word as an accurate picture of any given situation.
- G. Nagging.
- H. Gossip.
- I. Deterioration of her spirit.
- J. People coming to the wife rather than to the husband with problems, suggestions.
- K. Speaking for husband or implying she is.
- L. Undermining each other's success or authority "He said this, but I believe THIS is better."
- M. Taking problems, people, circumstances home to the children.
- N. A contest (there is NO contest — no one who is a winner).
- O. Showing partiality in:
  - 1. *Delegating responsibilities.*
  - 2. *Pay scale.*
  - 3. *Little things.*
- P. A proud spirit sensed by other members of the team!
- Q. Complaining before other team members, students, etc.
- R. Being too soft — undermining the other's discipline.
- S. Belittling your mate by making public their shortcomings, failures, inabilities, etc.
- T. Giving your children privileges others cannot have (or your boss's children).

### CONCLUSION

### PRACTICAL ASSIGNMENT