

Day 17: Supportive



*Her husband is respected at the city gate, where
he takes his seat among the elders of the land*

Proverbs 31:23

At first glance this verse appears to be a prerequisite unrelated to us as women, but instead to the quality and character of the man we chose to marry. How many times have women looked at verse 23 and felt it didn't apply because their husbands aren't in this position?

But may I challenge you today that this verse is a reminder of who your man can become with encouragement and support from his wife?

Our culture beats men up in so many ways. They are supposed to be “manly”, but we complain when they aren't sensitive enough. We make jokes that men are stupid and incapable, and guess what? Many men have believed this lie and just decided it is easier to act stupid and incapable than to disprove the stereotypes!

We have the ability to change this for our husbands. We can be their cheerleader as they try new things. We can encourage them to pursue the dreams God has given them. We can respect them publicly and behind closed doors. And when we do other people take notice of our men too!

A few years ago I felt strongly that God was calling me to scale back my own activities and support my husband in our church. We had been through some trying times and he needed me to be there for him. It was difficult for me to turn down my own ministry opportunities, like teaching Sunday school, but God really worked in both of us during that time. A year ago he was ordained as a Deacon, and last fall he began a Master's degree program to pursue full-time ministry. With my support he has been able to accomplish great things!

We are called to support our husbands, whether they are elders of the land or leaders in their homes.

Today's Prayer:

Father God we thank you for our husbands and the work you can do in their lives. Lord we know each of our husbands are in different places in their walks with you right now, but we know you have a plan for them. Help us to be supportive and respectful of our husbands, and help others to see the good qualities you've given our husbands to serve your kingdom. Lord, where we struggle to see how to encourage and support our husbands, open our eyes to see ways to lift them up and pray for them. Help us to find and walk the fine line of being encouraging and not nagging. Thank you Lord for the work you are doing in our husbands! In Jesus' name, Amen!

Today's Goals:

- List 3 Ways you can support your husband.
- Prayer is one of the best ways you can support your husband. Commit to spending time in prayer for him each day, and ask God to reveal areas you can help support your husband.
- Lastly, ask your husband how you can help support him. You'd be surprised sometimes at the little things that can really help them feel your support.