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A Real Man Loves and
Protects God's Woman



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SESSION 1

*Loving God's Woman by
Partnering with Her*



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- She is God's gift that He brings to you. That means to ignore, resent, or not appreciate your wife as your partner is rejecting God's design and despising His gift.

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- Every **father/king** wants his **daughter/princess** treated with dignity and honor.

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B. When you fulfill your role as a godly leader, you **bless** and **esteem** your wife.

- Your loving and sacrificial leadership will yield great fruit in her life. What are some of the fruits of loving leadership?

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C. When you realize that you have been blessed with a partner, you get to rejoice.



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