

A HUSBAND'S LEADERSHIP EVALUATION

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Your Evaluation of Our Oneness

1. In your opinion, what creates the most impasses between us? How do I handle these impasses? In these impasses, do I break the ties in my favor most of the time? Do my methods affect our oneness?
2. What do I do that tramples who you are, your soul essence? In my decisions, do I respect and honor your soul essence as I do my own? Do I seem more like a father trying to get you to comply with my views, or more like a fellow heir who is longing to understand you?
3. What do I do that strips you of "feeling one with me?" How does that affect your relationship with me?
4. Do you feel that we have complete oneness? Where does our oneness break down? Do I understand my role in the breakdown, and am I working actively on it?

Your Evaluation of My Spiritual Leadership

5. Who has the greater knowledge of the Word of God, you or me? How does this make you feel? How does this affect your oneness with me?
6. When character flaws are revealed, which of us is quicker to submit to Scripture and change? Are there character flaws in me that I've been slow to address? Are there some I've refused to address? What does this reveal to you about my love for you?
7. Who is the quickest to forgive, you or me? Who is the quickest to ask forgiveness? How does this affect your feelings of oneness with me?
8. Which of us is more consistent in prayer and devotions? Which of us is more comfortable in devotions as a couple? As a family? Does this affect our oneness?
9. Has the spiritual temperature of our relationship been raising or falling through the years? Has my leadership brought you to a higher level than before? Do I resist you when you try to raise our behavioral standards?

Your Evaluation of My Heart's Softness

10. Who gives in at impasses more often, you or me?

11. Who enjoys sacrificing and serving more, you or me? Do I have a good attitude when serving?
12. Who is inconvenienced more often in our relationship, you or me?
13. Who is the "chief servant" in our family, the best example of servanthood?
14. Let's say our pastor said to you, "I want to nominate your husband as a deacon (or elder). What would be your reservations regarding his character?" What would you tell him?
15. God calls you to submit to my authority. My leadership style should make this submission easier. Does it?

Your Evaluation of Me As a Servant

16. To what extent do I understand that my time is not my own? Do I often unilaterally make decisions regarding my time?
17. To what extent do I understand that I don't have a right to make unilateral decisions regarding hunting, golf, work, my friends, etc.?
18. Do you feel I've really studied you through the years and changed my behavior and decisions in order to honor what I've learned about you?
19. Do I draw more prestige and self-esteem from my success as a leader and husband at home, or more from my work and other accomplishments?
20. Have I been quick to learn new skills in our relationship and home to serve you better and give you more freedom?
21. Do I throw my full heart into helping you to fully live and blossom in marriage? Or do you feel that you're carrying the heaviest load of responsibility regarding our marriage and family?
22. Do I make room to allow your personal gifts and ministries to blossom? Do you sense that your gifts and talents threaten me as a leader?
23. When you have a strong gift in a certain area, do I honor you by allowing your opinions to dominate my decision making in that area?
24. Do I allow for your weaknesses, as I do my own, and lovingly make up for them with my strengths, or do I generally judge you for them?
25. Do you feel free to confront sin in my life, or am I so offended when you do that you'd rather not bother?