

**Champions Arise Study Guide**  
**Series: The Four Priorities**  
**Priority #3 – A personal, progressive commitment to relationships**  
**Program #CA 32 (TFP3) – Improving Marriage through Love and Respect**

Focus passage – 1 Peter 3:7, *“Husbands, likewise, dwell with them (our wives) with understanding”*

1) How did you feel when you met your wife’s parents for the first time? How do you think your wife felt meeting yours?

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2) What is the first way we can show our wives we care?

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*“However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself.”*  
Ephesians 5:33.

3) What is the second way we can show our wives we care?

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4) What is the third way we can show our wives we care?

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5) What is the fourth way we can show our wives we care?

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6) Why is continuing courtship activities important to keeping marriages strong?

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*“Catch all the foxes, those little foxes, before they ruin the vineyard of love!”* Song of Solomon 2:15

**Commitment:** I commit to learning how to care for my wife, and to renew courtship activities that bless her and strengthen our marriage.

## Improving Marriage through Love and Respect – LEADER’S GUIDE

1. Thank everyone for coming.
2. Open in prayer
3. Read the focus passage.
4. Ask men to answer Question #1. Remind the men that what is shared in these meetings is confidential.
5. Listen to the program: “Improving Marriage through Love and Respect”
6. After the program is finished, allow time for comments or questions on the program
7. Review the answers to the five remaining questions with the men in the group. Encourage everyone to participate, but never force or shame someone into participating.
  - a. Question #2 answer: Mutual acceptance and respect
  - b. Question #3 answer: Mutual responsibility
  - c. Question #4 answer: Concerted Initiative
  - d. Question #5 answer: Unconditional love
  - e. Question #6 answer: As we need to spend quality time with God to keep that relationship strong, we also need to spend quality time with our wives to keep our marriage strong.
8. Ask the men what was most important to them from this teaching.
9. Ask the men to commit to helping each other to love their wives in an understanding way.
10. Confirm the time for the next meeting
11. Take prayer requests.
12. Close in prayer

Sample prayer: Heavenly Father, please show us how we can love our wives in an understanding way. In Jesus name, Amen.