

**General Topics :: Bringing my wife to Christ****Bringing my wife to Christ - posted by jamccor (), on: 2006/5/24 10:42**

I have been trying to bring my wife to Christ over the last few months. She told me that it seems like I do not like to have fun since I've rededicated my life to HIM. I know she didn't mean to hurt me, but at that point (2 months ago) I would come home from work and watch videos sermons until 9pm on my pc, spending no time with her while she watched tv. I talked to my pastor and he recommended me spend more time with her. Now I am feeling miserable at the lack of spirituality I have now. I want to be a good representative to her of GOD but at the same time, I don't want to give in and watch American Idol with her for the sake of company. I'm in a tight spot. Have any of you been in a similar situation?

GOD Bless

John

**Re: Bringing my wife to Christ - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2006/5/24 11:19**

I would suggest that perhaps you find a middle ground with her and ask her to set aside one or two nights a week and do something other than watch sermons or watch TV. Get out of the house, go for walks, play racketball or something, just spend time together. Sitting in front of the TV is not really spending time together, you might be in the same room but you're not really spending time with her.

Pray much, trust in the Lord, he will use you to reach her. Let her know she is accepted and loved unconditionally. If she is willing to talk about religion then seize the opportunity and trust in the Spirit to give you the words of life.

In Christ,

Ron

**Re: Bringing my wife to Christ - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2006/5/24 11:38**

i had exactly the same dilemma as you. i got so born again it felt like my family was in the way...i listen to sermons and read the word all night and all day long. My wife thought i'd gone crazy she came to christ a short while later...but she wasn't born again... she watched the same tv programs talked the same gospel and nothing happened to her... i did all the mistakes you can do tried to force her and screamed and so on.... then when i realised i did more harm than good i just was quiet... i fasted and prayed for her... many months... and God is faithful... now we read the word together we pray together ...

and i trust god to awaken her fully...

but u must have "balance" do give time to your wife... but not watching tv and so on... god wants you to enjoy each other's company..as long as it's god in his view.

i can only say what happened to me... i've prayed so much...i cried so much .. i've fasted i'd almost given up sometimes... but glory to god... he will answer our prayers... halleluja... and if you want to hear a good sermon listen to Keith Daniels hurting home....

it did something good for me... i will pray for u and your wife...

i hope i was to some help for u

christian

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**Re: - posted by jamccor (), on: 2006/5/24 12:23**

Thats the thing. She seems to be interested in GOD and Jesus and she says she prays. She says prayers with our children at night. But, even if she has said the "Sinners Prayer", I have never seen fruits of it. I know I am very, very good at reading about GOD and testimonies of people, but my prayers aren't very in depth, and seem kind of casual in sense. I am reading the complete works of EM Bounds and also a book by Wesley Duewel. Maybe I should lay off of the reading and concentrate on the prayer and fasting? Thanks so much for your uplifting advice. Keep them coming!

John

**Re: - posted by Scroggins (), on: 2006/5/24 12:37**

Blessings...

We will be praying for you.

**Re:, on: 2006/5/24 13:10**

God has not called you to soak your brain with sermons at the expense of your marital relationship. I agree that you must find a middle ground. Your wife feels neglected, and if you're spending 3 or 4 hours a night listening to sermons, she has a right to feel that way.

You say you "feel" less spiritual. Walking this journey of being a child of God is not about "feeling" spiritual... it's about BEING spiritual. And there is no better way for a Christian husband to BE spiritual than to BE a good, caring and thoughtful husband.

Engage your wife in deeper conversations about God. Get your butt out of bed earlier to spend time with God while she sleeps. When you get excited about something God has revealed to you in scripture, share it with her. INVOLVE her in your walk with Christ. Otherwise, the two of you will grow apart. The more you involve her, the more she will see God working in your life, and eventually she will come along side you and get saved.

Keep going the way you're going and you'll be hiring an attorney.

Krispy

**Re: Bringing my wife to Christ - posted by ccchhrrriiss (), on: 2006/5/24 13:37**

Hi Jamcoor...

I will be praying for you, your wife and your marriage.

Matthew 11:28-30

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**Re: - posted by jamccor (), on: 2006/5/24 14:45**

Thanks for all the replies. I think in time my lifestyle will change. I tend to be a very black/white person instead of in between.

I know all the spiritual knowledge in the world won't do me any good until it becomes manifest in the heart. This is my will and I know he that asks shall receive (if he asks with the right motives)

John

**Re: - posted by allhavsinned (), on: 2006/5/24 17:10**

This sermon from Ray comfort is great for the whole family, I listened last night and put it into practice this evening, I will do a copy for my wife to listen to...

<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid=11499>

from a Don Francisco song:

"I don't care if you pray for miracles  
I don't care if you speak in tongues,  
I don't care if you said you love me  
in every song you sung  
it doesn't matter that you know the bible  
if it's all just in your head,  
the thing I need to ask you  
is have you done the things I said;

"do you love your wife?  
for her and for your children  
are you giving up your life?  
What about the others,  
are you living as a servant  
to your sisters and your brothers  
do you make a poor man beg you for a bone  
do the widdow and the orphan cry alone?"  
(eat the meat, spit out the bones ;-)

**Re: - posted by habakkuk3 (), on: 2006/5/24 18:41**

I would spend some time with your wife and spend the remaining time in the prayer and reading the Bible for yourself. I was a sermon junkie a couple of years ago and there's nothing wrong with listening to sermons but as Pastor David Wilkerson often says "The clearest word that you'll ever hear is when God speaks directly to your own heart."

Press in to Jesus and then do what He asks you to do and He will use you to woo your wife's heart to Jesus.

**Re: - posted by letsgetbusy (), on: 2006/5/24 23:32**

jamcor,

I have the same thing going on at home. Just be faithful, that is all we can do, pray and be faithful.

**Re: Bringing my wife to Christ - posted by Graftedbranc, on: 2006/5/29 18:10**

I just read a paragraph in a book on Colossians called, "the Mystery of God and the Mystery of Christ".

"Recently a sister asked me a very good question. She said to me, "Brother, It seems that we have discovered a certain fact. Although it is very strange to us, it seems that often when there is a sister who loves the Lord and seeks after Him, her husband is against the Lord, and regardless of how much this sister prays for her husband, it seems that her prayers are not answered. Conversely, it seems that often when there is a brother who loves the Lord and seeks after Him, his wife is very much against Him. Why is this? Why is it so difficult to find a couple where both the husband and wife love the Lord? In addition, why is it so often the case that parents who love the Lord have children who do not love the Lord, and children who are pursuing the Lord have parents who are against the Lord? Why is it so difficult to find an entire family who loves the Lord?"

The answer to this question is that God's intention is to put us into a situation of suffering, a situation that we have no way to run away from. It is true that some husbands are a great source of pressure to their wives, that some wives are a burden to their husbands, and that some children are a great pressure to their parents, and that some parents are a burden to their children. This is all under the Sovereign Hand of God".

The more we have the revelation that Christ is all in all to us, the more we will have to be burned and pressed in order to

o actually experience Christ in this way. There are no exceptions to this principle. All seeking believers have to pass through certain pressures and suffer certain hardships. the more we see Christ and seek christ, the more we will experience suffering. On the one hand, to experience Christ is to enjoy something. but on the other hand, to experience Christ is to suffer something. The reason that this is the case is that in order to experience Christ, we have to be put to death. We are all too strong in our self. Thus, there is no other way for us to be brought to an end and for Christ to be everything to us but for us to be put to death by passing through sufferings."

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I would suggest this is not a reason to cease to pray or to expect God to work in our spouse or family members, but we need to realize God's desire is to conform us to the Image of the Firstborn Son of God and the Lord Himself experienced this as it is written, "even his brothers were not believing in Him."

If we would fellowship with the Lord In His sufferings we must realize that we must fellowship with Him in His rejection by His family members. We must fellowship with Him in all His experiences .

And God's aim in this is that Christ may become all in all to us.

Often God will keep us in this type of situation for long periods, even years. We pray for our neighbor and they are saved . But we pray for our spouse and they get more rebellious. Why? His aim is to work Christ into us. We can trust the Lord for our spouses that in His time He will gain them. But even if not. WE have Him and He is enough. And often when we come to the place when we genuinely confess that He is enough, then we may see His work in those whom we pray for.

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