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written I always go to her. And when she says, "John, don't say that," I take my pen and scratch out the whole page. My success is due in a great measure to my wife's judgment and not to my own."

Men, husbands, friends, how are we going to repay our wives for all the sacrifices they have made for us? "Oh," some husband says, "I do my full duty to my wife. I provide for her a good home. I give her all the money she needs." You do? Oh, that is very kind. As far as I can make out you give your wife nothing but her own property. She earns her support, just as you do, and she has a right to at least one-half of your income. If from a mere cold-blooded standpoint you had to hire a housekeeper to do the work she does, you would have to pay far more for her wages than your wife ever spends for clothes and entertainment. "Then if that be the case, and it is the case," some man says, "how am I to pay my wife unless I pay her in money?" Why, give her the same reward the apostle has commanded in the words of my text. Did Paul ever speak of money in reference to the husband's duty to his wife? No, he takes that for granted. He says, "Husbands, love your wives." But that is not all. He gives his commandment in the superlative sense. "Husbands, love your wives even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it." Ah, could there be any sweeter or more devoted or more intense measure for a husband's affections than that? It is love the true wife longs for, as it is love the true husband in the home should long for. Not money so much as love, intense, devoted, loyal, self-sacrificing love. Husbands pay your wives for their sacrifice of life in the golden coin of mingled love.

But there is a promissory note connected with every marriage certificate which should compel a husband to give his love to his wife as well as his money. It is on account of this loving promise which he made to her that she, a young girl, was persuaded to leave her father's home and turn her back upon her school friends and, like Ruth, who followed Naomi, go with her husband where he went and lodge with him where he lived and make his people her people and his God her God. Therefore if a man who has won his bride upon the promissory note of love does not fulfill his contract he is a swindler as well as an ingrate; a deceiver, a falsifier, a perjurer, as well as one whose ideas of gratitude are as monstrous and distorted as that of the wayward son, who would trample

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upon a mother's bleeding heart and turn upon his father's love. You believe a merchant is dishonest who through the bankruptcy court would repudiate a debt he could pay. Why will you not say a husband is dishonest and contemptible who would repudiate the obligation of a lifetime love, which he accepted when he pledged himself to the young girl by his side on his wedding day, when they stood amid embowered orange blossoms?

This swindle in reference to promised affections which a husband sometimes practices upon a wife is the more contemptible because in one sense the wife is absolutely helpless after the perpetration of the fraud. Say what you will, argue as you may, talk glowingly and poetically and grandiloquently about woman's opportunities, a wife's opportunities have always been and nearly always will be circumscribed by the four walls of her home. The husband has his outside business relationships. He has his mercantile friends as well as his store friends. He meets men on the street, in the cars, in the office, behind the counter. He can get away and does get away from the home. But for the most part the wife is anchored to the kitchen, the bedroom and the nursery of home by the children. Therefore if he fails her and defrauds her of his promised love she is absolutely helpless and must suffer more than he can realize. She has practically no redress for she has given up her all for him. If, however, an account of her husband's neglect a wife turns her back upon him and goes forth to meet the world as an independent woman, then the world itself will turn its back upon her.

In the death knell of a husband's love I also hear the sobs of the broken heart of a mother as well as of a wife. The great dramatist wrote, "Oh, sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a thankless child!" Many a mother has learned this by bitter experience, through her husband's conduct. The love that the child naturally feels for the mother withers and dies under the poison that comes from witnessing the father's contempt for the mother. Little likely is a child to reverence the mother after hearing the blame and vituperation hurled at her by her husband. If a brutal father systematically continues to find fault with his wife, if he neglects her and ridicules her and sneers at her, he sets an example which his children are only too prone to follow. His estimate of their mother, often coarsely and bluntly expressed, is likely to become theirs, and their natural affection for her turns to indifference and ingratitude. Oh, my friends, who are husbands and fathers, you know how sanctifying and purifying the influence that has come to you from your mother's graves. Your love and reverence for your mother has kept you in many an hour of temptation. Let your children have the same beneficent influence. Never by look or thought or word weaken the influence your wife may have over your children. When you are untrue to your wives, you are untrue to your children.

But there is still another and a more far reaching reason why men should love their wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it." Not only is the home, but the community and the nation, builded upon the cornerstone of the love which a husband should bear to his wife. I am not stating this fact too emphatically. I will go further and say the salvation of the world itself is dependent upon that purified love. What does the Bible say, "God setteth the solitary in families." The unit of society is not the man who casts as a vote the white slip of paper into the ballot box. It is the man and the woman joined together at the marriage altar as one.

Why was the first settlement at Jamestown, Va., a failure and the first settlement at Plymouth Rock a success? Were the old pilgrim fathers any braver men than the Virginia planters? Was not John Smith of us heroic mold as Miles Standish? The reason for the failure of the Jamestown colony was due to the fact that those southern colonizers did not bring their wives along with them, while the Plymouth fathers stuck to Plymouth Rock because they were anchored there by the Plymouth mothers. Why do men herding together as a class degenerate morally, mentally and physically? Because they lack the moral and spiritual leaven which comes from a noble wife's love. Therefore, brethren, if as men you would be true to your country, true to your city, true to your children, true to yourself and true to your Christ you will be true to your wives. Husbands, hear ye not the far-reaching commandment, "Love your wives?"

How shall we love our wives? By giving them a few silly compliments? Oh, no! Not that. A wife is quick to detect insincerity in such inanities. But you can show her your respect and deference. You can prove to her by your pleasure in her society, by the little attentions that when you were a lover came naturally to you and by your preference for her over younger women that your heart is still in her keeping. The little presents, the consideration of her tastes and the desire to give her pleasure which used to characterize your treatment of her would delight her better now than ever before and would bring to her weary face the glad smile of tender affection. Husbands, love your wives. We should love them in making them one with us in all our thoughts and hopes and joys. We should love them so that the brightest hope of our love would be to lighten their burdens and to always have them by our sides. We should love and continue to love them even as Christ loves the church, when, in the canticles, we read his beautiful blessing upon it: "As the lily among the thorns, so is my love among the daughters. As the apple tree among the trees of the woods, so is my beloved." O husband, do you love your wife as Christ loves his church, bride.



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