

God's Design for Husbands



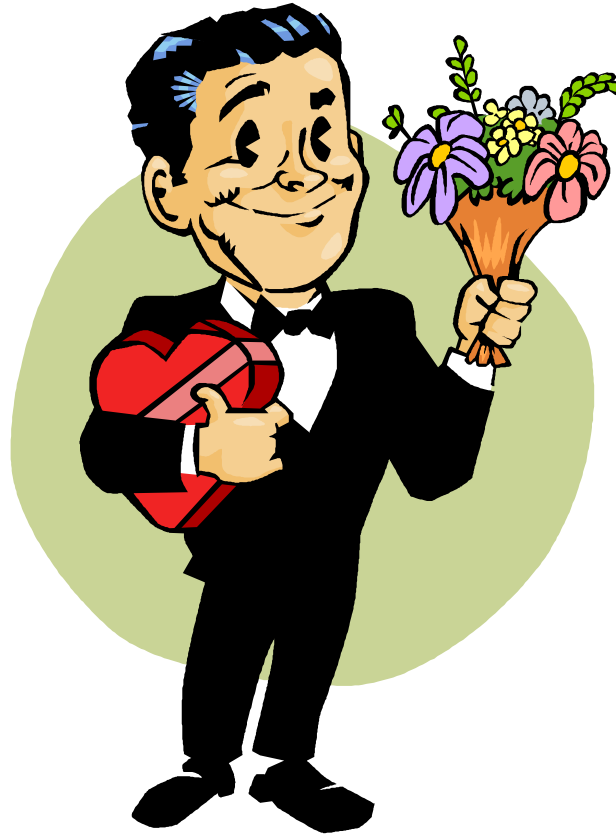
How to Love Your Wife



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(Ephesians 5:25-33a)

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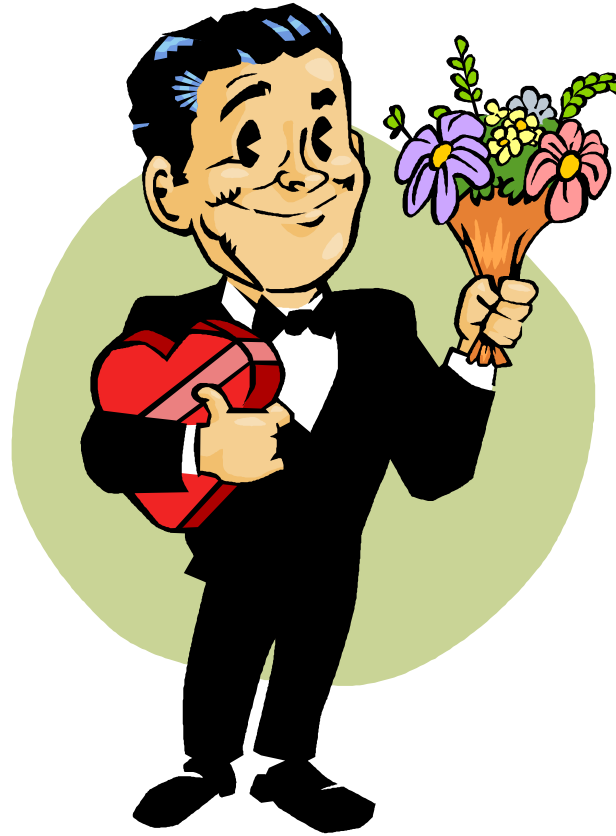
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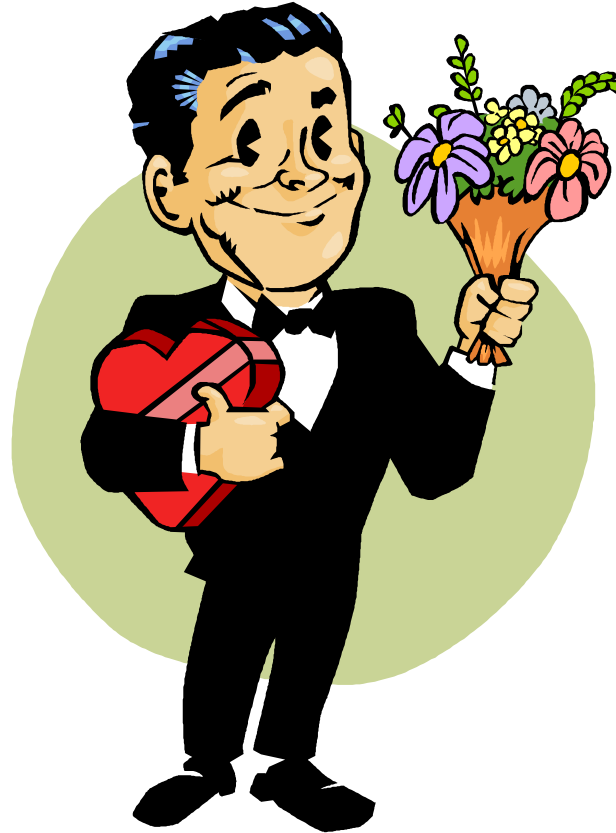
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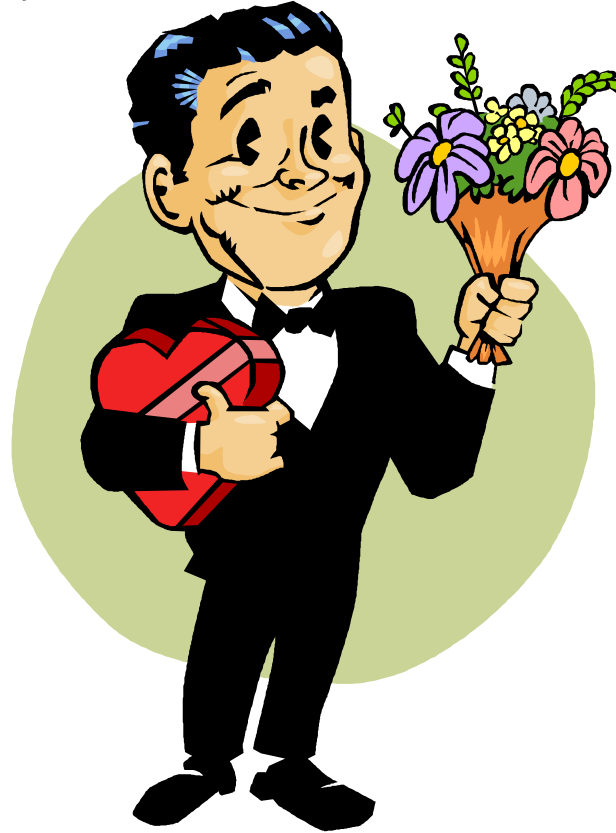
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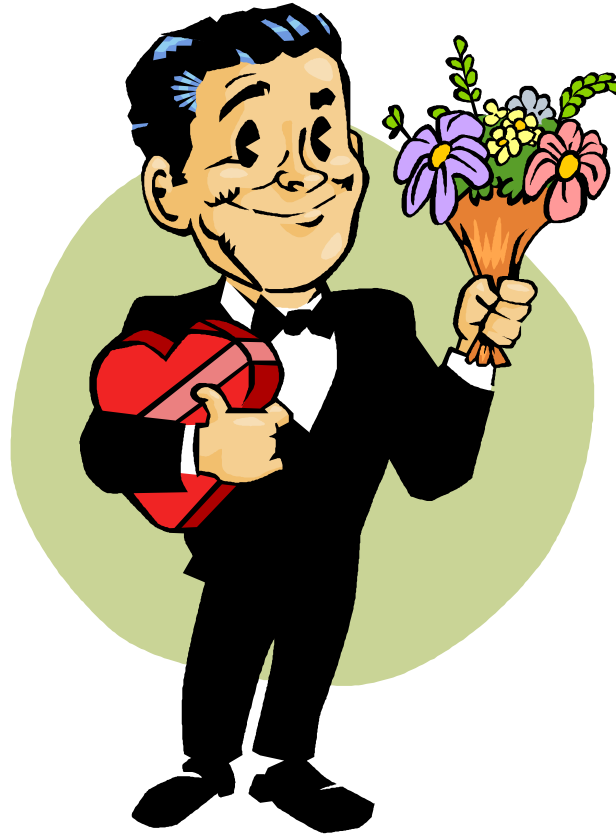
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Love is giving others **what they need** without having some temporal reward as the primary motive.

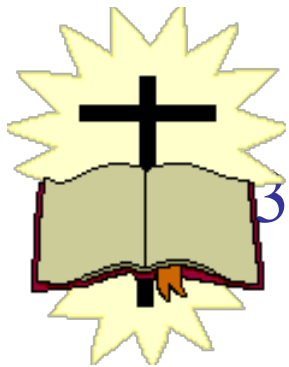
What Is the Opposite of Love?



What is the root cause of virtually all marriage problems?



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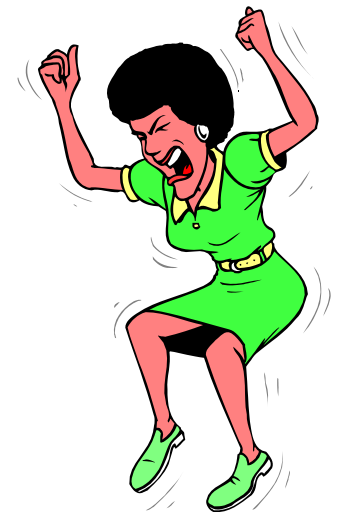
Ephesians

“Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children .”

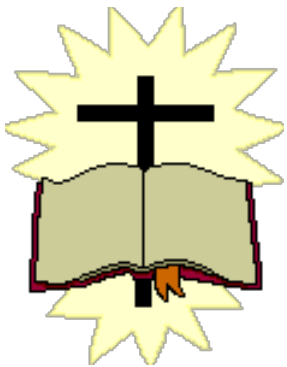
Titus 2: 3-4



“For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that *while we were yet sinners*, Christ died for us.
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Ephesians 5:28-33

Her Needs / My Resources

My Wife's Needs

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2. Time with you
3. Food and shelter
4. Sufficient sleep
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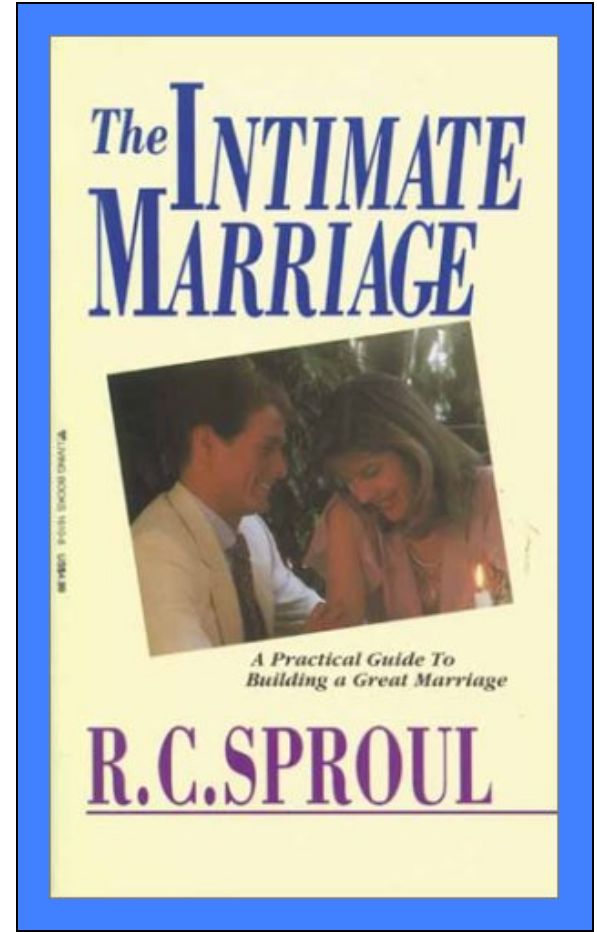
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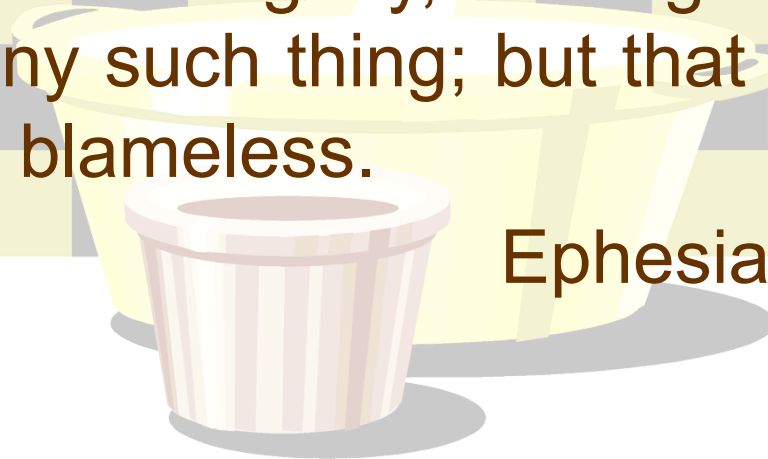
"My wife and I have been married for five years, and she *still* hasn't learned how to treat me with the respect and honor the Bible requires a wife to show to her husband."

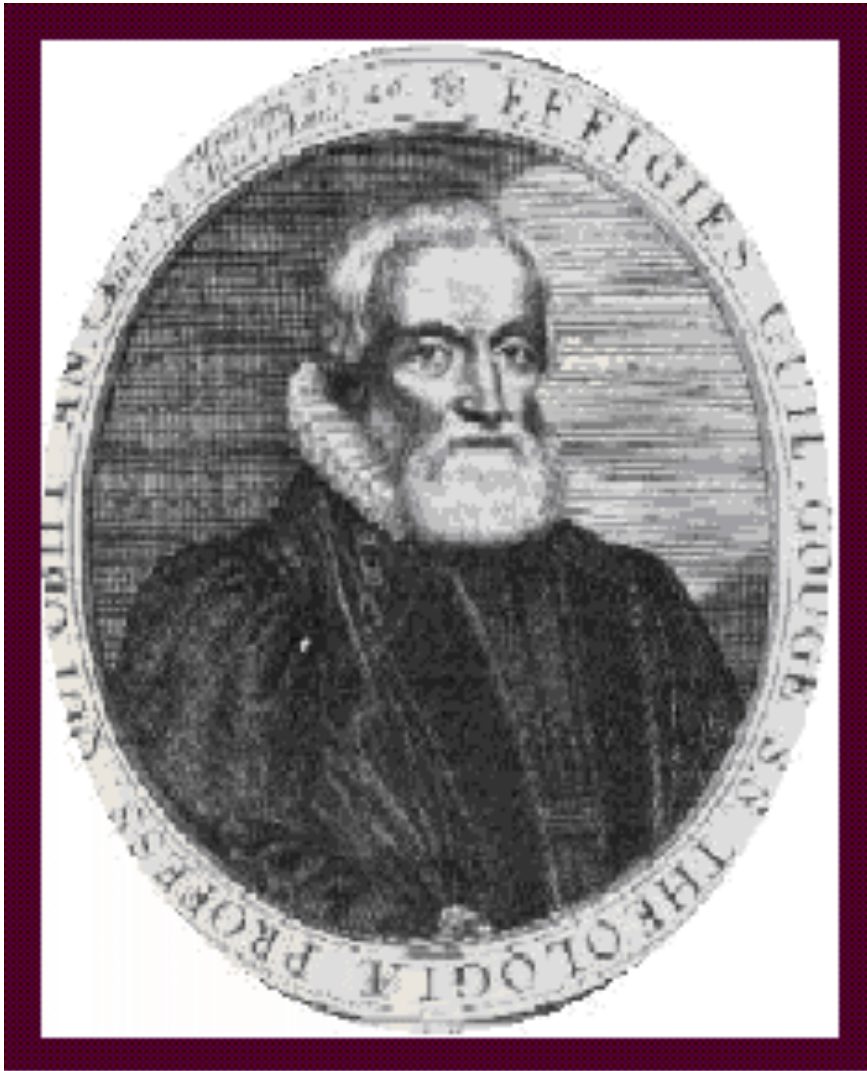


The Husband's Sanctifying Responsibility

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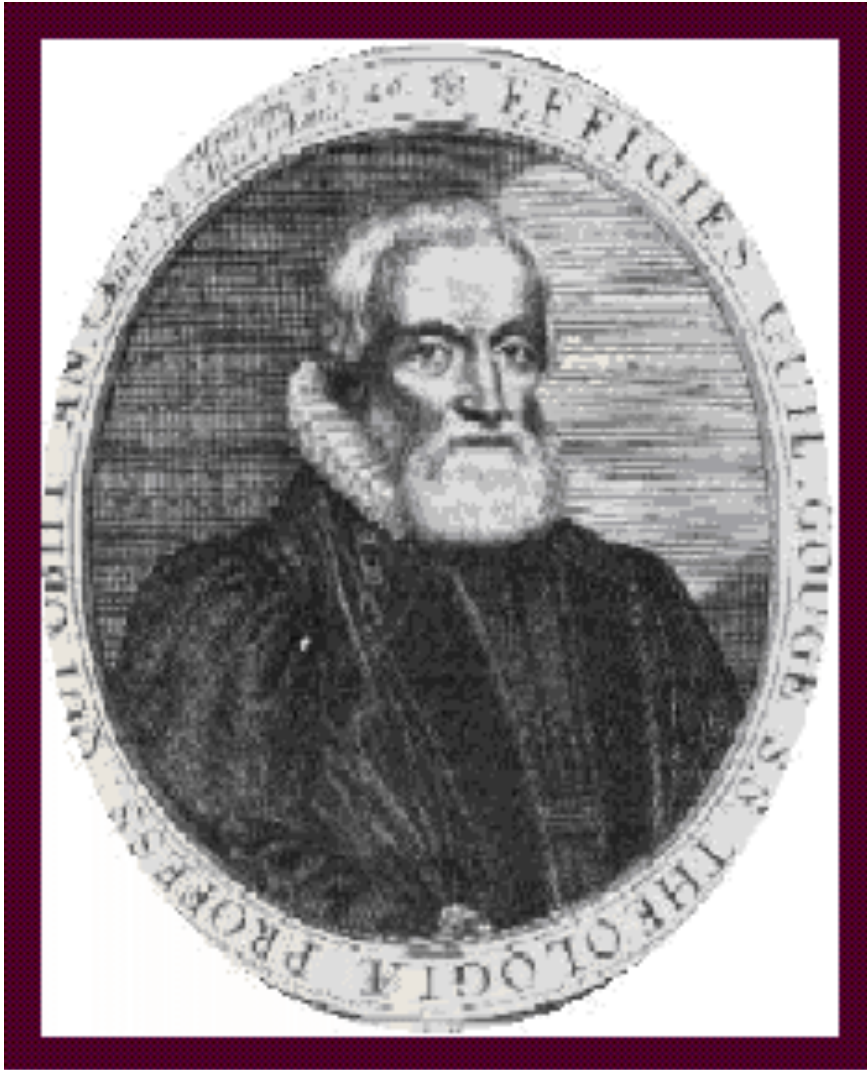
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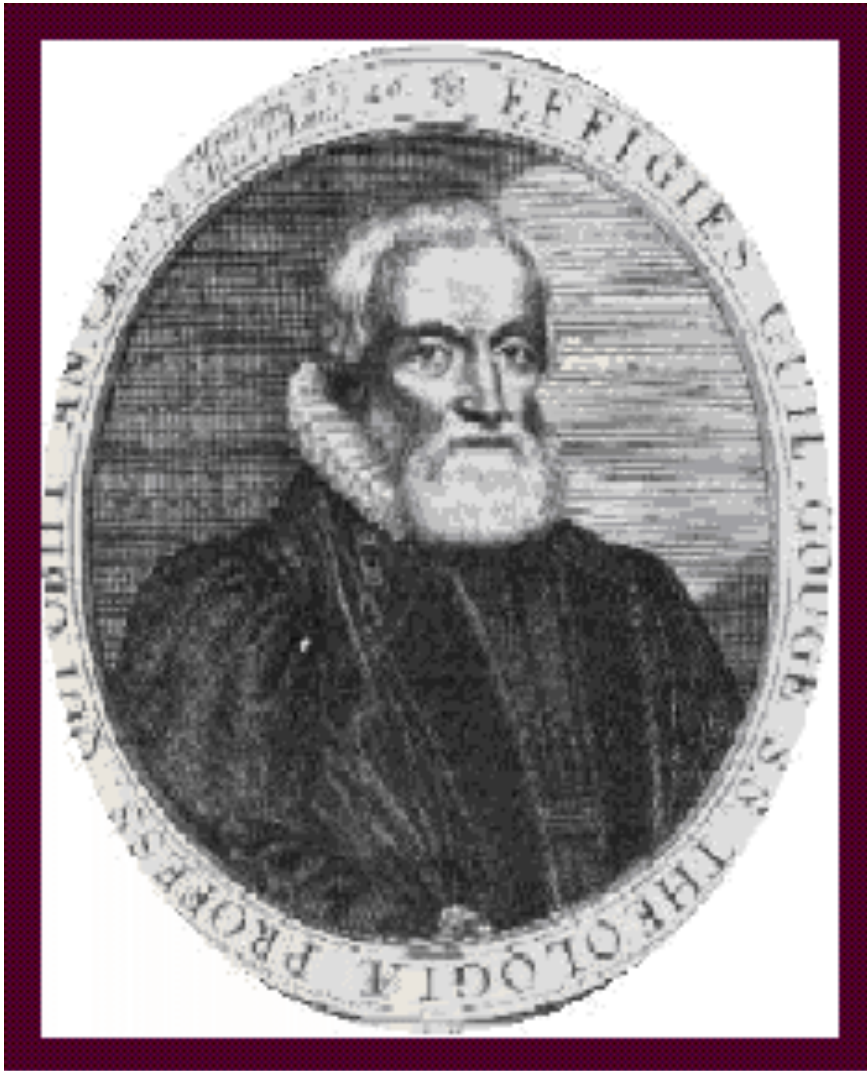
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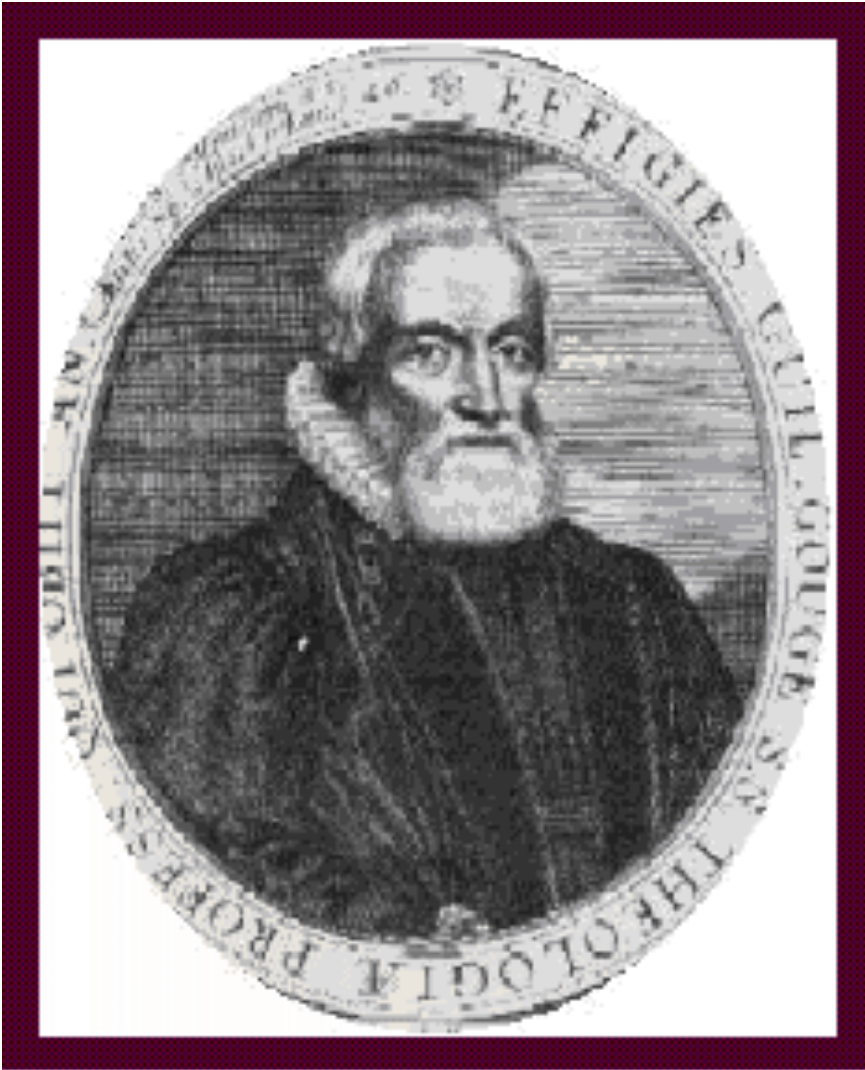
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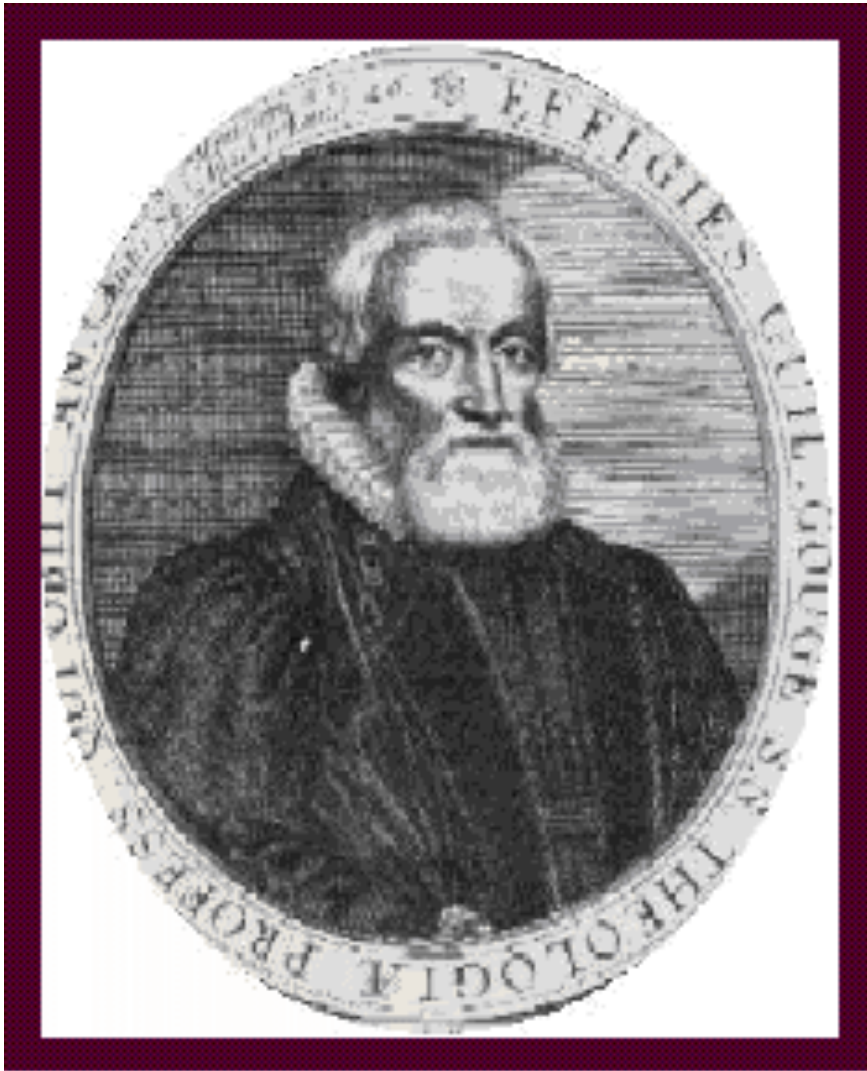
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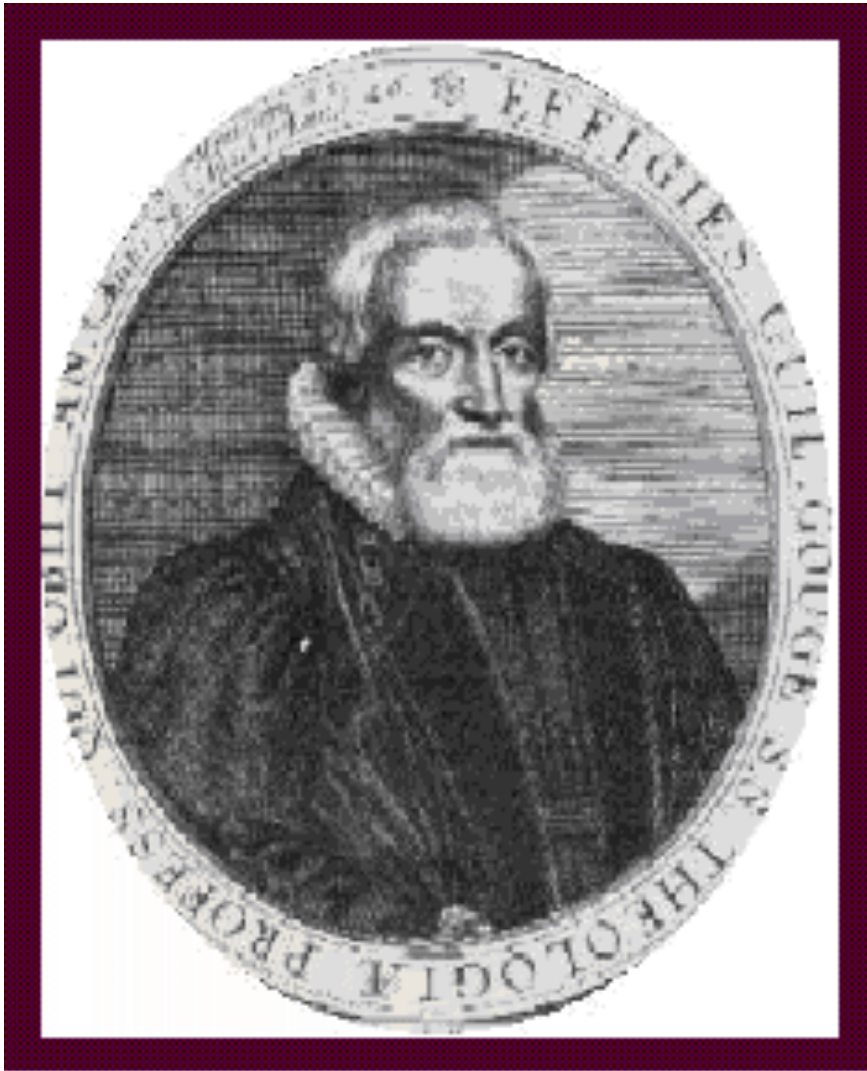


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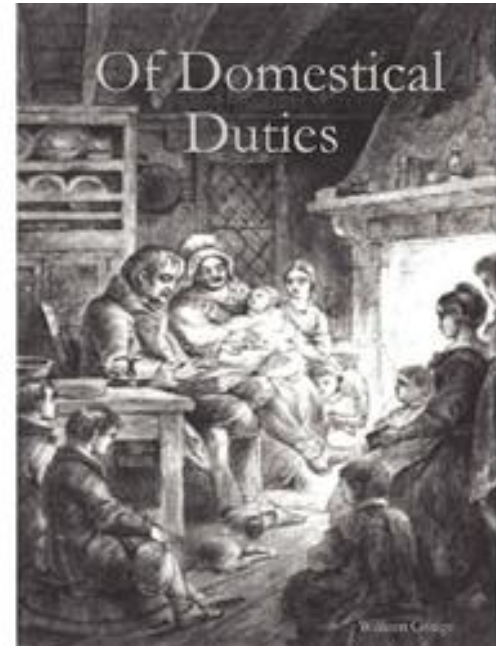
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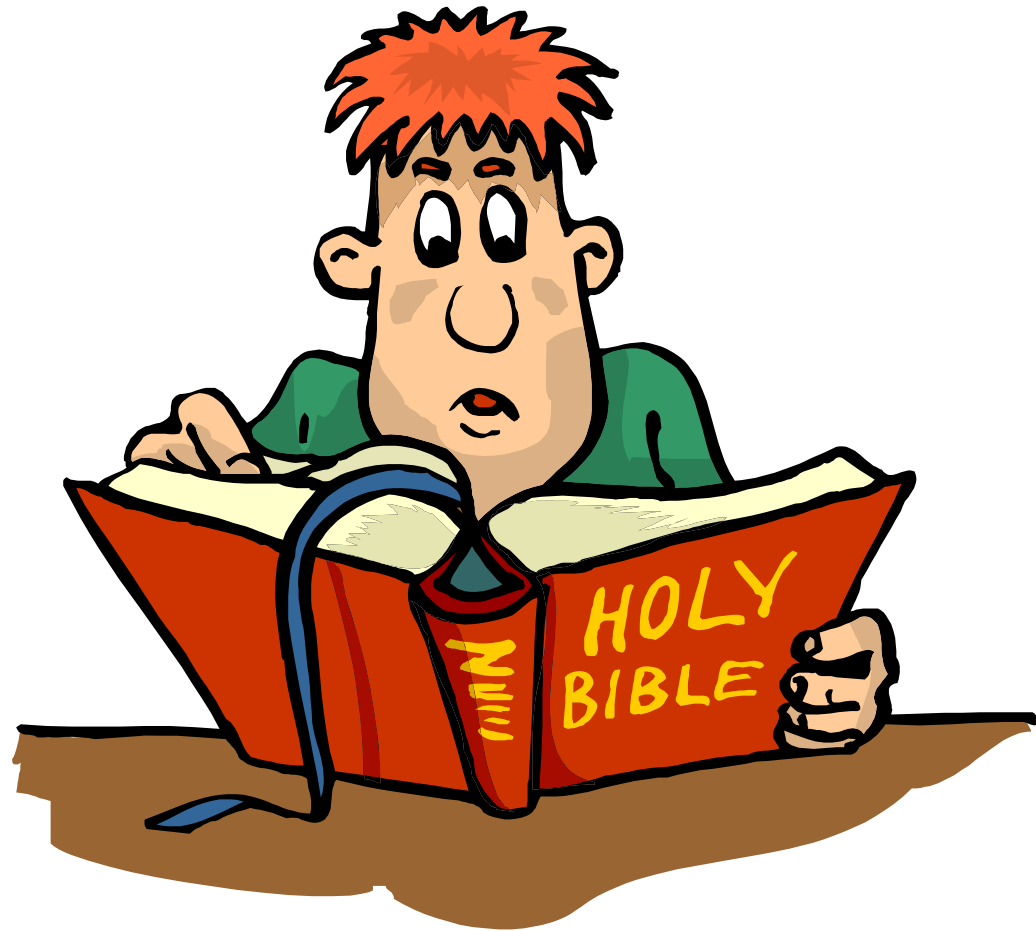
2. They must endeavor with all the wit and wisdom they have to, to make them worthy of love. I say *endeavor* because it is not simply in the husbands power to do the deed. Yet his faithful endeavor shall on his part be accepted for the deed.



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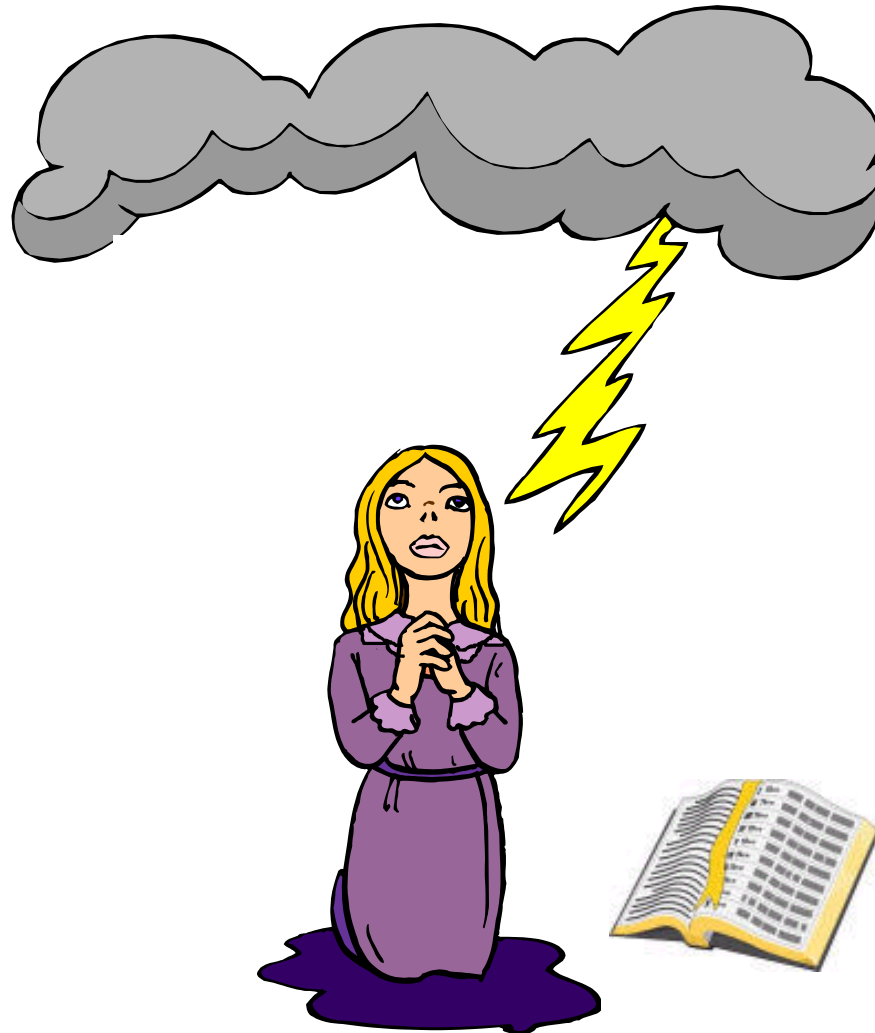
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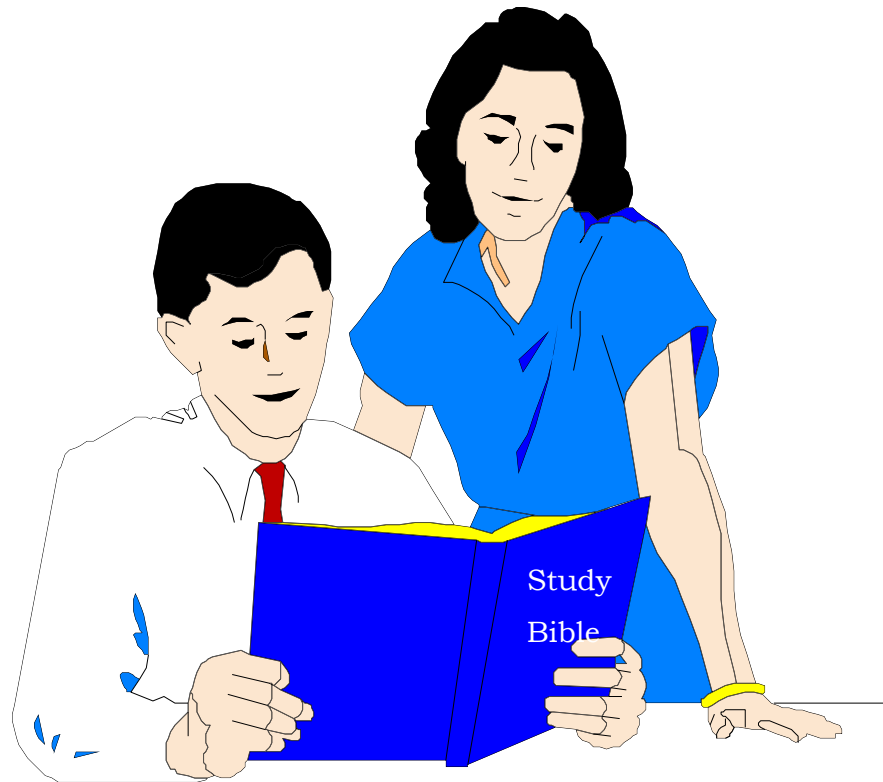
... that by it you may grow
in respect to salvation."

(1 Pet. 2:2)

Zap Theology: “The Kiss-and-Make-up with God” Syndrome

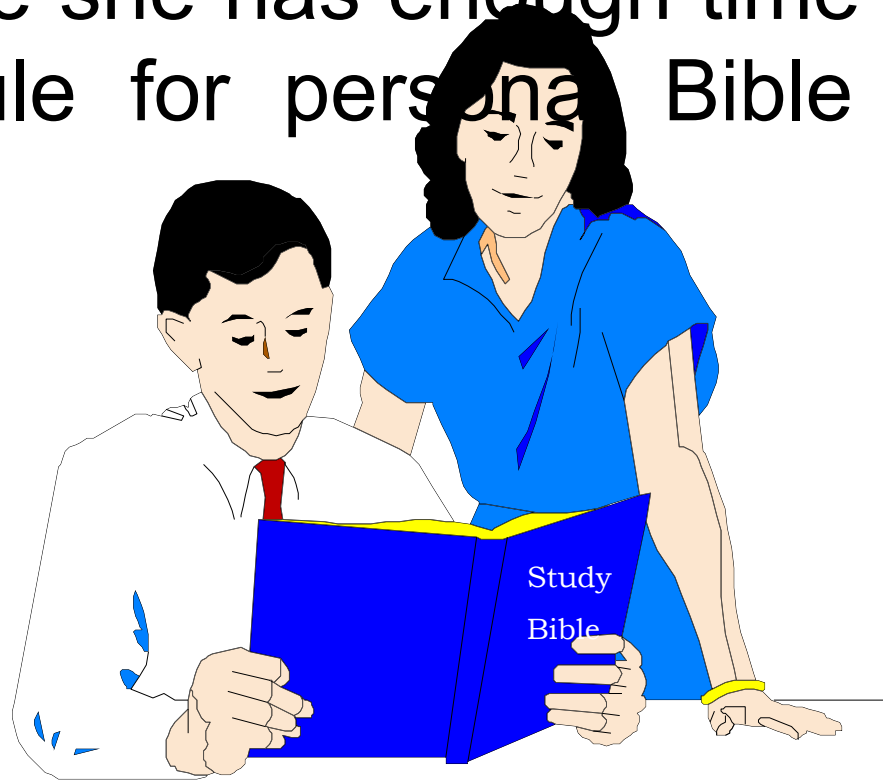


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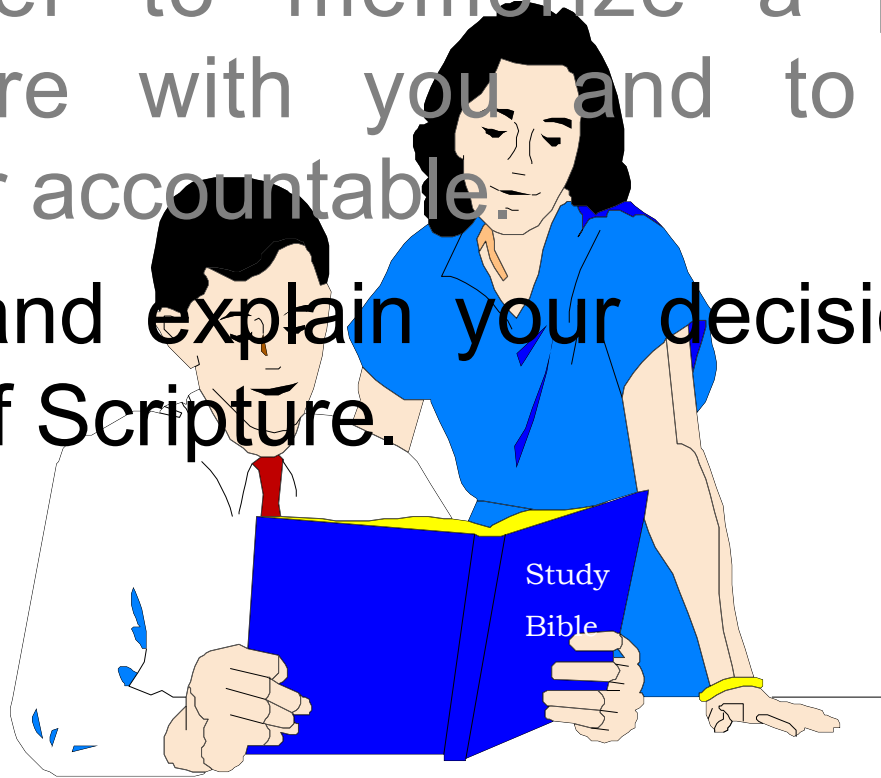
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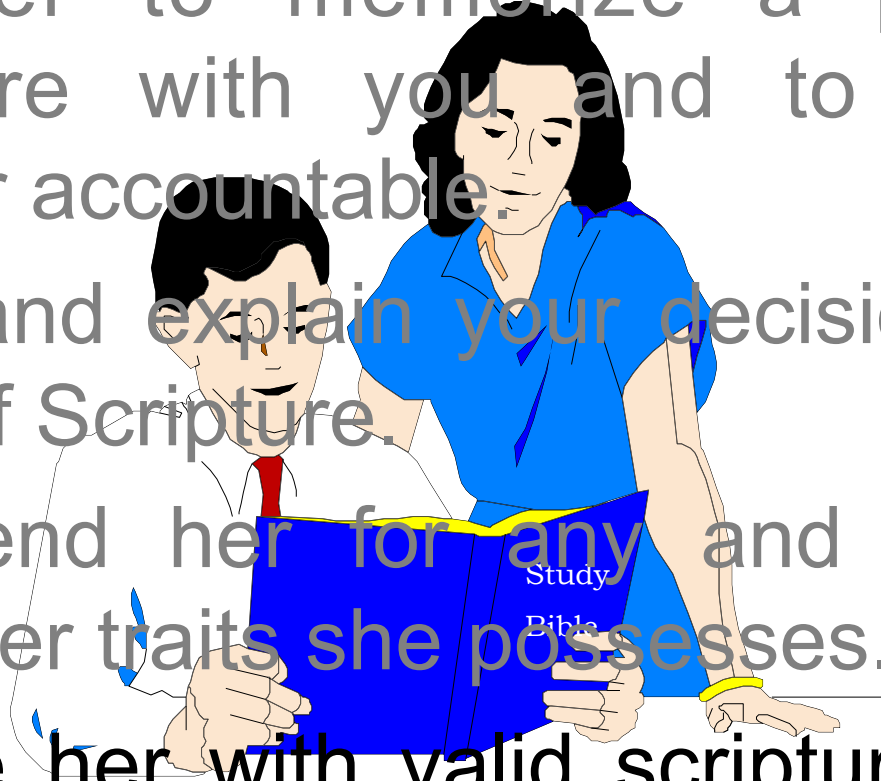
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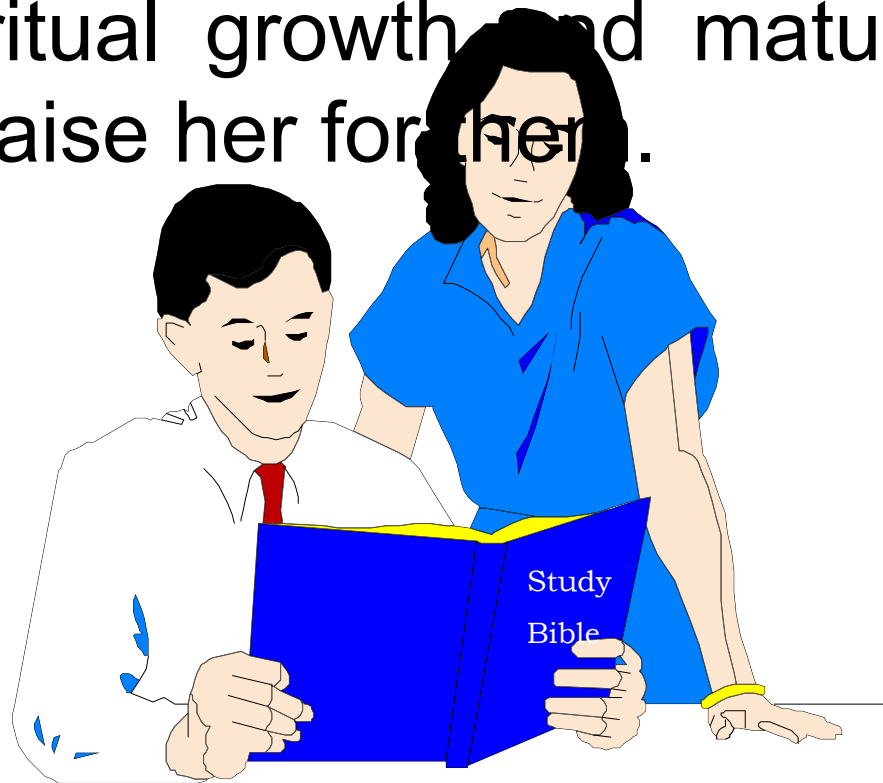
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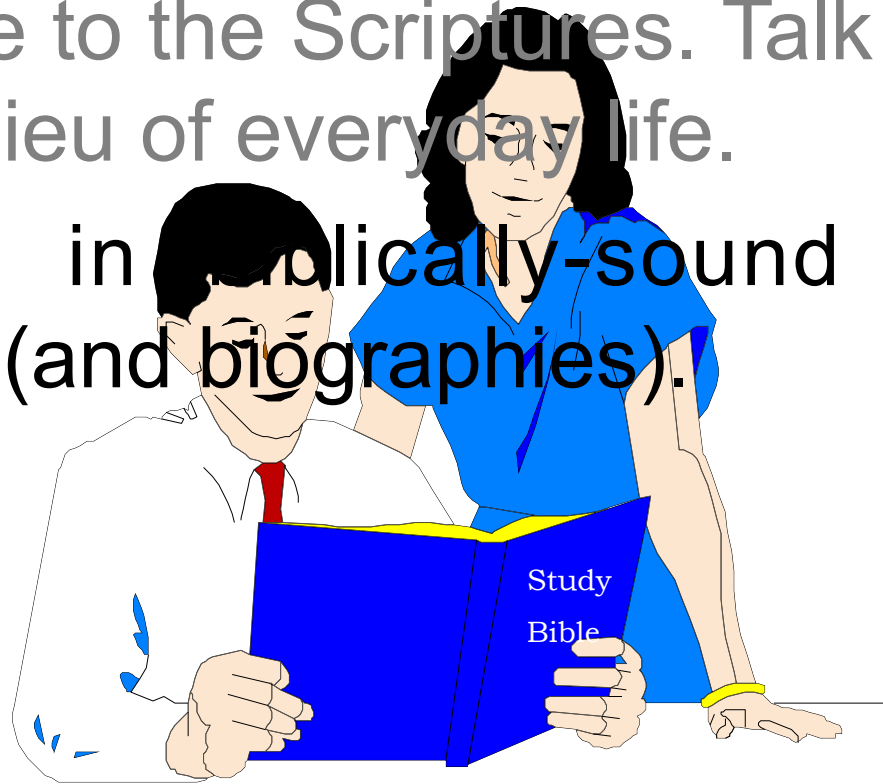
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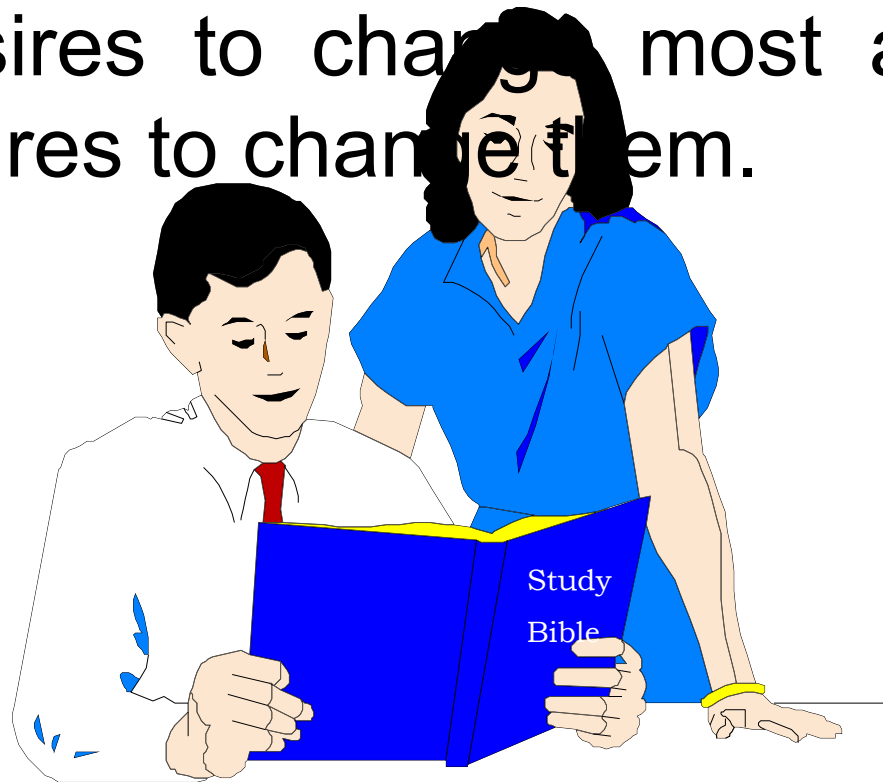
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- Determine which areas in your wife's life she desires to change most and why she desires to change them.



Are there any questions?

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