



Disney Cars2 (last part)
(This is part 3 of 3, including the 1st one on Cars1)

Welcome to part 3 of this analysis of disney's Cars1 and Cars2 and Bible study =) ~ I'm Steven Henry and I'm very glad you're here for the final part of this study/report. I'm thanking God for those who read this and apply these verses to their hearts, minds, and lives =) ~ I'm growing in doing the same. I'm striving hard to make sure I'm teaching boldly and accurately, yet not teaching what I'm not obeying in. So, I too am actively growing in what you see here. So, let's dig in shall we?

But, first, if you have not had a chance to read parts 1 and 2, here are the links:

part 1 of this report/study -

<http://vineoflifeneeds.com/short-report-cars1/>

part 2 of this report/study -

>>> **An observation to start with here in part 3 of this Bible study/disney report:**

I notice quite a few people who are trying to grow in following Christ that are either not aware of a key teaching of Jesus, or they simply don't believe what He taught. But, knowing that Jesus never lies to us, so let's look at this because I think it will expand your understanding, if you're not aware of this principle of Scripture. In Matthew 13, Jesus taught us that truth is tangible - we can gain more -- or -- we can lose some of what we have. You say - Steven, how is that possible? Let's look at what Jesus said, and then it will be more clear. ***"²But He who enters by the door is the Shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear His voice; and He calls His own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴And when he brings out His own sheep, He goes before them; and the sheep follow Him, for they know his voice. ⁵Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers... ²⁷My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me."*** (John 10:2-5, 27) His sheep (adopted children) can follow the voice of a stranger, but if they are truly His, God won't leave them there. He'll keep teaching them through trials not to follow false teaching.

Another key passage on this: “¹²**For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. ¹³Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.**” (Matthew 13:12-13) - Slowly, over time, I’m finding that I’m becoming a Greek student a little here and there. Why - you might ask? Because of passages like this that translated so poorly. Let me show you what it is actually saying: *‘For whoever has truth, values it and applies it in his life, to him more will be given, and he will have an abundance. But to him who does not have a caring for the truth and is not trying to obey it, he will be losing even what truth he does have.’* - that’s a pretty good translation of what it should say. And, that’s a powerful teaching - yes? It’s something we all need to take seriously - for ourselves, and our kids and families.

Another key passage on this - “⁹**A little leaven leavens the whole lump.**” (Galatians 5:9) And another one: “**Do not be deceived: “Evil [corrupt, compromising] company corrupts good habits [morals, lifestyles].”** (1st Corinthians 15:33) ~ What we fill our lives with, what we fill our mind with, what we fill our thoughts with - will come out in how we speak, act, think and the motivations behind that. But, that’s no surprise, because Jesus taught that too: “**A good [righteous, blameless] man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good [right actions, right understanding]; and an evil man [intentionally rebellious] out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil [continues to follow and fight for sin]. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.**” (Luke 6:45)

~ And again, Jesus said: “**The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good [filled with God’s Word and teachings], your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad [filled with excusing, covering, fighting for sins], your whole body [and life, home] will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon [earthly treasures and sinful pleasures].**” (Matthew 6:22-24) - We need to notice that Jesus says that we “can’t” - not try harder... we can’t. God will (and does) allow you and me to be tested daily which we will choose to follow that day... and the pattern of the days, adds up to weeks, which adds up to months, which adds up to years. The most important thing to do is notice if we’re chasing an idol or sinful pleasure sooner, rather than later - so we can get it corrected, and unlearn that pattern of sinful behavior and the deceptive logic we use to excuse that sin. The longer we practice a sin, the more it is destroying us and the harder we will have to fight it to break free. Jesus said: “**Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, ‘If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free... Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits [practices] sin is a slave of sin...**” (John 8:31,32,34)

Apparently these reports are helping some people, because they're also getting mocked in some places... haha, oh well =) We can typically learn from all criticism (friendly and unfriendly) and God's helping me to learn from it too =) ~ Anyway, I do hope these little reports help you and your family to see things more the way God sees things. Some people have asked why I'm analyzing a clearly unBiblical movie as though it's Biblical - or ought to be. That's a great question! The answer is simple (and I hope to explain this more in this report): we imitate what we surround ourselves with. If we only hear God's Word on Sundays and barely read it during the week, but surround ourselves with other voices, we're going to become like those other voices, not the Word of God that we're barely reading. Everything we hear, see and think on adjust our worldview and the truth that **we hold onto....** So, the things we surround ourselves with are either strengthening us to follow Christ or they are turning us from Christ to chase other things. And, the voices of what this world calls 'entertainment', are only feeding our flesh. If we are entertaining ourselves with it, we are learning the ways of the Lord and not the ways of Christ. That note may surprise some of those reading this, but this teaching is confirmed by the Word of God and others who are also growing in hunger for God's Word and in following Christ. And we're going to be reaping the pattern according to what we have sown. That's in Romans 6 and 8, Galatians 5 and 6 and 1st John. So, because I find those who claim the Name of Christ are watching these films or allowing their kids to, I feel the leading of the Holy Spirit to analyze them - not as the world does, but according to the Bible, so that we all might see things the way God does more and grow from there, and so that we don't let things like this whittle us into the mold of the pagan world around us. I hope that makes sense. =) Okay, with that intro and great reminder for all of us - if you're still reading this, let's dig into the complex package of Cars2 and look at a variety of things - in short form, so that we might better see what God says about that and how to please Him more, and close more avenues of satan's temptations into our lives and homes.

Let's look next at the 'tough guy' approach. In Cars1 and Cars2, disney portrays the typical sinful pride games and conversations of: 'my car is better than yours' or 'I can go faster than you' or 'I look cooler than you'... typically childish and self-centered, ego-driven pride and boasting games. Sadly in America today, there is so much confusion about pride, that many think that some forms of pride are a good thing. Yet, that is not how the Word of God looks at any form of pride. Here's what God teaches: **"Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"? But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: 'God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.'... Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.... Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit'; however you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away... Instead you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.' But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil."** (James 4:5-6,10,13-16)

We can so easily deceive ourselves that we are being humble - when the truth is we are walking in pride - trying to show off and/or prove ourselves as being more than humble servants, serving Christ and men/women.

Which leads to the next topic - In this sinful and prideful boasting, we also see another behavior that bucks against God and His Word: defending our pride and ego. You see, there is a time to stand up and hold our ground - but not to defend our ego or our testimony. As followers of Christ, there is only one time that we need to stand up and hold our ground... it's when we're defending Christ's testimony. Yes, I said that for me to read as well... You know - it's **so** easy to get off-track. It's **so** easy for us rebellious humans to switch from following God with a passion... to following our selfish wants with the same passion and trying to add God to that. Does the devil falsely accuse us of doing that? Oh yes! But, just the same - we need to be regularly checking our hearts to make sure we are **not** fighting to defend our ego. And, remember Jesus' words on this: **"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I tell you not to resist [oppose, seek to get revenge on] an evil person. But whoever slaps [as an insult for Christ's sake] you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic [top of 3 layers], let him have your cloak [second of 3 layers] also. And whoever [Roman soldier who] compels [forces] you to go [and carry his military gear] one mile, go with him two miles."** (Matthew 5:38-41) ~ The words I filled in actually fill in context of the passage for the Jewish people of Jesus' day. Many don't catch the context or study it, so they don't see the passage as clearly. But, as you can see - Jesus is teaching that if we are wronged, then we need to respond graciously - not seeking exact revenge and the pagan world around us does as their normal. Jesus continued this teaching: **"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in Heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil [rebels] and on the good [just], and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? Therefore you shall be perfect [mature, holy, set-apart], just as your Father in Heaven is perfect."** (Matthew 5:43-48)

Everyone reading this is, I'm sure, aware that we live in a dog eat dog world - where they say the 'nice guys finish last'. That would only be true if satan rules the world - but satan doesn't rule this world. God does. As we grow in obeying Jesus, God will defend us and protect us beyond our expectations.

Okay... where to next? How about stereotypes? That'll work - much to talk about here.

This movie set has a lot of them. Cars1 only has a few - including insulting the quiet town of Radiator Springs as a nowhere town... things like that. But, in Cars2, the stereotypes are more plentiful, and preset conclusions are the normal here.

- > *Americans are sensual, not very smart, yet prideful - and they're good at spying*
- > *British are smart and intelligent - the leading class*
- > *The Japanese are kind, love to host parties, put on shows, with a hint of hookers*
- > *The French are extremely friend, smart and caring*
- > *Italians are smart - and a little prideful*
- > *Old cars are outdated and worthless*
- > *New cars are so much better and classier*
- > *Oil tycoons are greedy (which they are)*
- > *Alternative fuels are better, with flaws, but the Oil tycoons try to sabotage them*
- > *Spies are helpful and torture helps get answers and save lives*
- > *(and of course) the good guys always 'win'*
- >>> ... The list truly could go on and on.

First, let's look at what stereotypes are from the Bible's perspective. **"I plead with you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, set-apart, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service [worship]. And do not be conformed to this world [*lit: squeezed into the world's mold(s)*], but be transformed by the renewing of your mind [*quality time in God's Word*], that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."** (Romans 12:1-2) - Stereo-types are, in reality, just peer-pressure, emotion-driven, molds that the world tries to cram us into, rather than letting each person individually grow in following Christ. You see, it's the world that is intolerant. Why? Because they love their sin, they see truth as an enemy to their idolatry, and anything that convicts them of their sin either **needs** to be avoided or silenced one way or another. God is gracious and holy. Men (and women) naturally (without Christ) are selfish, ego-driven, and emotionally determined to get as much of the passing pleasures of sin as they can. This pattern (by the way) leads to consequences, and unless to bitterness, and not the joy they think it will bring them... The only mold we need to follow into is a genuine follower of Christ - and yes, that means we'll be different, but it also means that we need to grow in faithfully following Him. That's the only mold we need to make sure we aim for and grow to stay in.

So, with that said, let's dig deeper =) - Let's first start on the roles of males and females, then we can look at other stereotypes briefly.

Now, brothers and sisters in Christ, please keep in mind that I mean absolutely no insults in this. I'm just trying to analyze things through God's lens - the Bible. Okay? Here we go: We live in a culture that abounds with stereotypes. And it seems to me that many people around us are so used to stereotypes and the world's programmed thinking in situations, that when they hear God's thinking - they find it completely foreign to them. Here's a good example of this.

God made guys to be strong leaders. God made men to stand, to fight, to march. God built men with a strong logic circuit... but when we guys are in sin, we **cannot** lead well or at all (in some cases). The only thing we can boldly lead in, when we're off-track is: into sin. God built guys to be protectors, leaders, trail-blazers - yet servants;

bold yet gracious; showing leadership, yet not running anyone over to get to the goal. ~ So what does the world do with that? They scramble it. The world uses all of its media to boost men's pride through flattery and vain compliments, and then either directs them to cheer whole-heartedly for an idol, spend their years chasing money and sinful pleasures, or dumbs them down to just: find a girl that makes you happy. catch her, and then keep her happy.... please note one quick point: it's not wrong to find a godly girl who will be a good soul-mate (that's what guys ought to do). But when she is chasing the world's pleasures and trinkets, then she's going the wrong way, and a godly guy can't keep her happy unless she is letting God's Word teach her heart to love more of what God loves, and less of what the world loves.

Now to ladies. God built ladies to be nurturing. God made ladies to have a better sense of emotions, because they need that to see what others are going through and then to pray or help them. God made ladies to learn to have a heart for serving and helping, to abound in self-control, and to use the gifts and tools God gives her to reach out to others and use those opportunities to share the Word of God and the gospel. God made ladies to grow to be mothers, teaching their children to walk in the ways of the Lord, and teachers of older and younger women - as well as working alongside men and providing gentle accountability and another view of things then we men miss (way too often). ~ So, what does the world do with that? The world uses the emotional drive to get them to try to conquer men, outdo men, insult and slander and gossip about... to let their emotions get completely out of control so that they become contentious women who will do whatever necessary to get their way... to want only what makes them happy, and to avoid all that makes them stressed or worried or cry (or convicted and confronted with truth). And, ultimately, the world gets ladies to seek a guy who will make them happy and keep them happy...

... Now, I know I've said some things above that can be taken other than how I meant them. I'm blessed to know quite a few godly guys (of all ages), and quite a few godly ladies (of all ages). My main point in analyzing this is to double-check what I think I see. I never had sisters... so I feel like I have a handicap in at least understanding sisters. I had a brother from whom God's taught me much! ... but not sisters, so my sisters in Christ, if I said or analyzed something wrong - would you be willing to help me see it more clearly? I'll be eternally grateful for the tidbits and prayers. Thank you =)

But, assuming that analysis is pretty close to on target, there's another aspect of this that I feel the need to talk about - dating. Both Cars1 and Cars2 display a fast 'falling in love' setup, and never hint at marriage. What is that? Dating with no commitment. That's wrong and will hurt those who copy it. Now, this next point has two-facets that I see the need to address.

1> First of all, I want to ask you - what do the words 'handsome' and 'cute' bring to mind? What do the words 'pretty' and 'beautiful' bring to mind? Now - did you realize that the other people who just read that have a different definition of those words? Why is that? Because they are not concrete adjectives - but are subjective emotional analysis. Meaning? As the phrase goes: 'beauty is in the eye of the beholder'. Every

guy has the ability to be smart and a great husband (*if he makes wise choices*). And every lady has the ability to be beautiful and a great wife (*if she makes wise choices*). Or, if God so calls them, to be single and serve their Creator and sharing His Word alone (*if he/she makes wise choices*). My point is that the world lies to us when they say that we can spot our future wife/husband with our eyes. We can't. Period. Most of those who are 'love at first sight' end up in lust at second glance... why? Because the focus was on the outward appearance rather than the real core or beauty - godly character and a heart that wants to fully please Christ. That is true handsomeness or beauty. Character - not the outward prettiness that the world fusses about. And that leads to my next note.

2> Secondly, we have gotten a long way from where dating/courting work in America anymore. You see the whole chat and social media atmosphere removes a vital part of communication: real godly people interacting with real godly people. It removes much of the ability for families to get to know one another and for a guy to watch a godly lady so he can then take the lead in dating/courtship. With social media, you can't hear tone of voice or see the expressions of the face, or see any other body language that would tell you how to adjust to keep good boundaries and how to handle the relationship well. Now, granted, with practice, one can figure out some of it... but it's still hard. But, my main point in mentioning it is not to push everyone away from social media (per se), but to help parents, leaders, and singles to realize that we need to get back to the community pattern of the home-churches in the book of Acts. The big entertainment-driven and money-driven 501c3 corporations are really hurting friendships, and make the ability for young people to find a good wife/husband much harder. With that, though, I need to make another point - dating needs to be as intentional as the time between engagement and marriage. Having worked with youth for a dozen years, I've seen far too many heart-breaks because the youths weren't trained in Biblical boundaries that would lead to a healthy relationship which would more easily lead to a healthy marriage. My strong suggestion through experience is that guys need to not let a relationship with a girl 'fall into' a dating/courtship time, but start it verbally - just like they start the engagement toward marriage verbally. There needs to be an intentional start to it. It helps everything else work better. Now, that requires you dear sisters in Christ who are still single to keep digging into God's Word and readying yourself for your future husband, as the guys are also digging into God's Word and readying themselves for you. In time, God knows how to cross both of your paths and help you to realize that He is leading you to marry each other. He created everything - He cares about you. You need to trust Him, and make following Him the priority, and finding a life-partner needs to be at least second to that.

I also need to note that 'cute' 'handsome' and 'pretty' talk about the outward appearance, and are - in themselves, stereotypes. And yet if we look at things God's way - no one is better than another. The shade of melanin or the cost of the clothes we wear doesn't make us better than others. That's just pride and arrogance that God has to humble or oppose. Now, some people are walking in more obedience to Christ than we are. So, rather than begrudge that - let us allow that prompt us to grow to Christ ourselves! Remember, God's Word says: **"But the LORD said to**

Samuel, 'Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.' (1st Samuel 16:7) -- That attitude is also partiality: favoring a person over another because of looks or possessions.

"Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you and drag you into the courts? Do they not blaspheme that noble name by which you are called? If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself', you do well; but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors." (James 2:5-9)

Men, please do not strive to be like the world wants you to be. To not respond in pride is not weak, but self-control. The kind guys don't finish last - they just learn not to fight useless and frivolous battles. Remember, God commands us guys to actually love those around us. Now, a warning - do not chase the loud-mouth and flirty ladies who emphasize their outward appearance and superficial qualities, for those are the very contentious women God talks about in Proverbs. If you want a godly lady, you will not spot her with your eye - you will only find her by her pattern of caring about what God cares about, including people. So, grow in character, hunger for God's Word, and wait for the lady God picks for you. When you find her, God will confirm it to you - you will not be able to tell by appearances. Husbands - love your wife. She needs you, but she will likely say very few words. Give her as much of your attention as you can and in the process of helping her, you'll grow too more like Christ. (See more tips in the conclusion.)

Ladies, please do not strive to be like the world wants you to be. The world wants you to think you need to make your appearance perfect (or as close as you can), and to always be friendly and never say the word 'no'. The world teaches you to accept the wrong flirting of guys or sexual comments as 'compliments'. The world also teaches you a satanic replacement for modesty - dressing 'appropriate' for the 'occasion'. But, God's standard of modesty for guys and ladies has only one occasion - modesty at all times; intimacy with your wife/husband alone. You cannot make yourself better by polishing the outward appearance. Outward prettiness is not handsome or beautiful. But genuine consistent spiritual growth in inward character, self-control, and patience and following Christ - **now that is true nobleness and beauty**. You need to set boundaries for yourself that keep you and your heart safe. Build trust with the honorable ones, but always keep those boundaries secure and intact. And for those who are married, make sure that your husband is your closest confidant. (See more tips in the conclusion.)

Okay, moving to other stereotypes... and I can't possibly answer them all. So, I'll try to be short on this. '**Finn McMissile - British intelligence**' '**Tow Mater - average intelligence**'... At first glance, that exchange is humorous. But, a quick look around us and we see that the now (*seems to be mostly atheistic and muslim these days...*) British community prides themselves as thinking they're better than the lukewarm

and crashing 'Christian' population of the US. Ever heard of the Rothschilds? They are the evil family of British banking tycoons that have funded both sides of many wars - profited from engineered banking collapses, and profited from currency crashes and changes. If there's high-level stealing going on, usually they're involved in some way. And there are many other evils types among the British community like that, including the British Freemasons, and a few secret societies like that (which the queen is also a part of at least one of them). Whatever happened to the more godly queen, who said of the Bible: ***"To what greater inspiration and counsel can we turn than to the imperishable truth to be found in this Treasure House, the BIBLE?"*** The modern queen, Elizabeth II from what I've seen barely says anything clear about the Bible - only trite carefully picked words that will not offend anyone nor lead them to desire the truth of God's Word. There are still some little flickers of genuine Biblical Christianity in Britain and for that I'm grateful to the Lord and pray for them! But, unless I'm missing something, much of British society has drifted far away from the Bible, and yet prides itself in thinking it's better than genuine Christianity. How sad. I agree the hypocrisy among the so-called Christians in America is almost depressing, but still - there is a growing remnant who is standing for Christ. And come hardship or pain, they pledge to follow Christ. That stand for Christ is beautiful, even when the world mocks it.

All right... there's more on stereotypes, but not more time. Suffice it to say that just because some of a culture does something wrong that doesn't mean everyone else is doing that wrong - nor do you have to do wrong just because everyone else is doing it. Nor can emotions make us do what's wrong. Our choices are our choices and we need to take responsibility for them, learn from our errors and wrong choices, confess - forgive, and keep growing. But, I do need to note something else that's very important. Also, love without truth or boundaries isn't true love. Love by nature is sacrificial. I don't fully understand that yet, but I'm reaching and aiming and growing toward that.

>> Men, just because a lot of ladies are trying to catch men by seduction of the eyes doesn't mean all ladies are. Whether the lady is living wrong or not, we still need to handle them as we'd handle our own sister. That means with respect and careful boundaries - and keeping our minds clean and consciences clear, and our testimonies blameless. **Men, we need to lead in this.** And when we see a lady who is living wrong, we need to ask God to teach her not to live that way, but to instead learn to follow Christ with all of her heart, and grow in controlling her emotions and redirecting her emotions to desire to please Christ, not men and women.

>> Ladies, just because some guys lust after you like dogs, that doesn't mean that every guy thinks trashy thoughts of you in his mind. I know personally that there are many guys who will look away from a lady who is indecently dressed because they don't want to have an image of any lady in a compromised position in their heads. That's also why many godly guys stay far away from most beaches most often. They seek to uphold ladies in prayer, and lead them with their godly choices. I'm one of those guys, and I personally know of others. Please don't let the world teach you to

mistreat every guy who notices you (nor follow the ways of the trashy guys). Some guys watch and pray over a lot of people that God brings across their path. They do this because they care - not for other reasons. If you see a guy who's looking at you and lusting, **ask God to teach him not to do that.** God knows how to make a point where a guy hears it. ~ **Stand firm and keep growing.** =)

And since we're on this subject, we need to briefly cover the note that Cars1 and Cars2 includes perverse suggestive - like: slapping butts (I mean bumpers, right?) It's sick humor - especially bad to put in kids' minds. There was also the implied out-of-control lust of Mater who pays attention to the 'backsides' of some ladies and in another scene gets some makeup on him... implying more than just a 'hug' between autos...

And, almost at the end, there is a scene where the British queen knights Mater. Most people wouldn't apparently know that this is a freemasonry ceremony. If you want to know what freemasonry is about, according to the Bible, check out this short gospel tract for masons: <http://www.incpu.org/ms-tr-darker.pdf>.

Let's face it - all of us think the grass is greener somewhere else and life is better somewhere else. But, if we're honest, we realize that sin is what makes this earth dirty and painful. So, the idea that Cars1 and Cars2 are (by example and hype) getting kids to want to travel the world and explore - anything other than their 'boring' life at home, is not a good idea to teach kids. Remember God's teaching to us: **"Now godliness with contentment is great gain."** (1st Timothy 6:6)

In conclusion (to several categories):

>>> Single guys, single ladies - God has the right one for you, if you just seek Him with all your heart, and make pleasing Him your number 1 priority - not to bribe Him, not to do things for the praise of men, but just to grow in seeking, serving, and honoring Jesus. God truly honors those who seek Him, with good things. =)

>>> Husbands - your wife needs your love, your attention, your affection, and your help. A typical godly wife will not usually pester much, but she needs whatever care you can/will give her. When you find something that is both taking your time and diverting you away from following Christ and gets you away from quality time in God's Word (several times a week if not daily), then your Biblical logic needs to kick in and you need to get that out of your life, as soon as possible - or modify it so that it isn't a problem.

>>> Wives, your husbands need your love, your attention, your affection, and your help. A typical godly husband will not usually pester, but he needs whatever you can give him. When you see something that moves your emotions on a roller coaster, or gets you away from quality time in God's Word, and/or is taking up time and diverting you away from Christ (several times a week if not daily), your Biblical logic needs to kick in and you need to get that out of your life and home, as soon as possible - or modify it so that it isn't a problem.

>>> Parents, your kids need you! They really do. The world tries to prop them up in pride telling them that they know more than you, and telling you to get out of the way. The world tells the kids that they already know more than you, and tells you to leave your kids alone and let them 'grow up' (without your understanding of right and wrong). There is only one word to describe the message of the world: LIES! God's Word is true, and He does not lie. This is what God says: **"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."** (Proverbs 22:6) ~ And again: **"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother,' which is the first commandment with promise: 'that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.' And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord."** (Ephesians 6:1-4) ~ So, again, your kids need you to teach them. They're blank slates with a leaning toward rebellion because it looks fun. You need to see God's wisdom to teach them right and wrong through thoughtful, caring discipline and training of what's right and what's wrong. So, parents - let's not stick with the empty patterns of past generations, and set a pace - training our kids in righteousness. That's going to require us to spend regularly quality time in the *whole* of God's Word. I'm in. Are you?

Praying for you all ~ Please pray for me and my family! Thankyou!
a growing servant/life-slave of Jesus, SH

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