In his excellent book, *Love & Respect,* Dr. Emerson Eggerichs provides practical applications for showing respect in your husband's created drives.

☑ **Your Husband Will Feel Respected and Will Then Feel You Appreciate His Desire to Work and Achieve When…**

- You tell him verbally or in writing that you value his work efforts.

- You express your faith in him related to his chosen field.

- You listen to his work stories as closely as you expect him to listen to your accounts of what happens in the family.

- You see yourself as his helpmate and counterpart and talk with him about this whenever possible.

- You allow him to dream as you did when you were courting.

- You don't dishonor or subtly criticize his work.

☑ **Your Husband Will Feel Respected and Will Then Feel You Appreciate His Desire to Protect and Provide When…**

- You verbalize your admiration of him for protecting you and being willing to die for you.

- You praise his commitment to provide for and protect you and the family. (He needs to know you don't take this for granted.)

☑ **Your Husband Will Feel Respected and Will Then Feel You Appreciate His Authority and Leadership When…**

- You tell him you are thankful for his strength and enjoy being able to lean on him at times.

- You support his self-image as a leader.

- You praise his good decisions.

- You disagree with him only in private and honor his authority in front of the children.

- You give your reasons for disagreeing quietly and reasonably, but you never attack his right to lead.

☑ **Your Husband Will Feel Respected and Will Then Feel You Appreciate His Insight and Counsel When…**

- You thank him for his advice without acting insulted or as if he doesn't care about your feelings.

- You recognize his problem-solving approach as his male brand of empathy.

- You respond to him respectfully when you differ with his ideas (you can be right, but wrong at the top of your voice.)

Emerson Eggerichs, *Love & Respect*, (Nashville, TN: Integrity Publishers, 2004), pages 203, 213-14, 224-25, 237.