

Gospel on Display - The Survey
April 7, 2017

On Friday, March 10, John White led us in a wonderful discussion entitled "Gospel on Display". We explored God's Word with regard to our (men's) role in a marriage. In closing, John left us with a list of 21 questions (and an associated Scripture verse) to ask ourselves about our relationship with our wives.

In preparation for my topic this week, many of you took the anonymous survey made up of those 21 questions. Below is the summary of how we, collectively, responded to those questions.

Men, I thank you for participating in this exercise. It may have been hard in spots, but that's a good thing. As promised, I have no idea which of you responded and which response belongs to whom.

Please take a few minutes and review the results and reflect on what those results say about us as a group. When we meet on Friday, we will explore these questions:

1. What areas of the marriage relationship are we, as a group, assessing ourselves as doing well? Why do you think that is?
2. What areas of the marriage relationship are we, as a group, assessing ourselves as doing not so well? Why do you think that is?
3. For the area that seemed most in need of a "tune up", we'll take a deeper dive and see if we can't come up with actions that we can take to improve and commit to one another that we will do so!

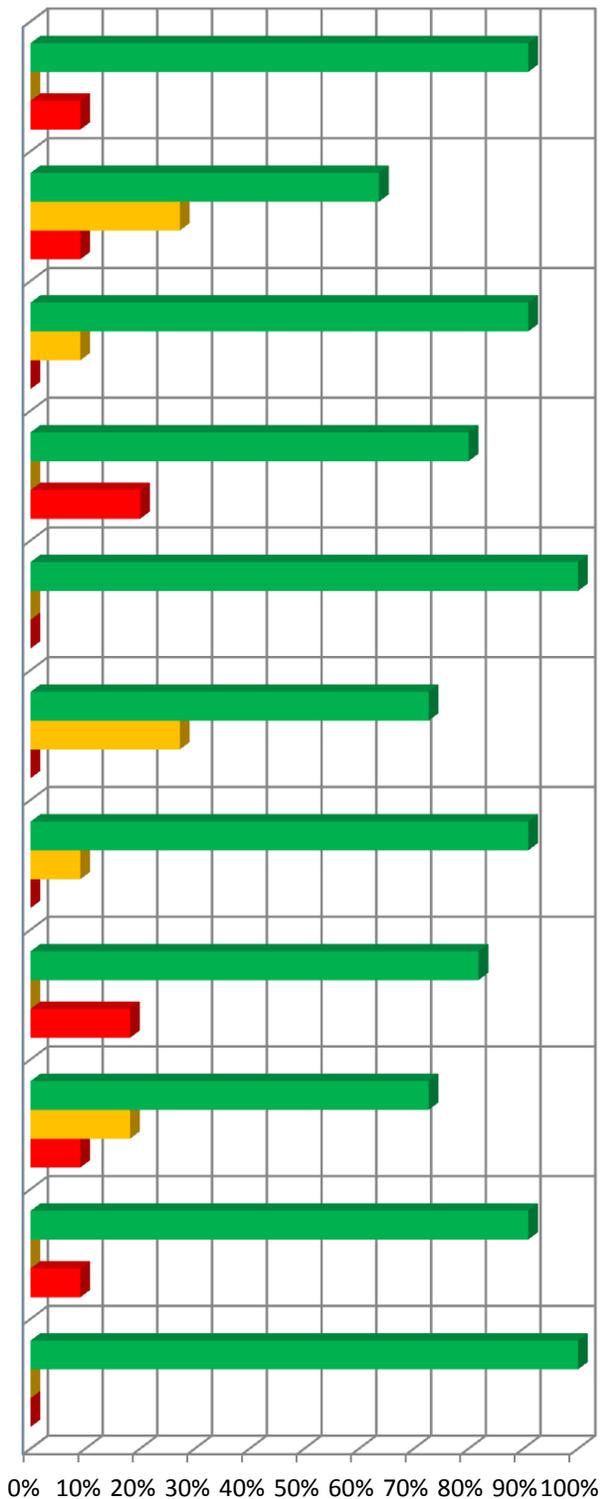
Survey Questions:

1. Have you forgiven your wife for every wrong she has done against you? (Ephesians 4:32)
2. Do you spend time patiently listening to your wife's problems? (Ephesians 4:2)
3. Do you make an effort to see things from your wife's point of view? (Genesis 21:12)
4. Do you do things as well or better for your wife than you do for yourself? (Ephesians 5:28)
5. Have you make your wife secure in the knowledge that you would not even hint at leaving her? (Hebrews 13:5)
6. Do you keep your word to your wife doing the things you say you will do? (Matthew 5:37)
7. Are you protecting the relationship by not allowing anyone or anything to get between you and your wife? (Matthew 19:6)
8. Do you seek intimacy without pressure and respect her when she wants to wait and willingly engage in intimacy in ways she would prefer even if you 'don't feel like it'? (1 Corinthians 7:4-5)
9. Are you protecting your marriage from adultery whether that be physical actions or mental (lust)? (Hebrews 13:4, Matthew 5:28)?
10. Do you hold yourself responsible for mistakes that are a result of your failure to lead instead of blaming your wife? (Genesis 3:12)
11. Do you speak as well of your marriage and wife to others as you do when you pray over your marriage and wife? (Philippians 4:6-7)
12. Do you provide protection for your wife from the evil one? (Ephesians 6:12)
13. Does your interaction with your wife demonstrate your belief that she is made in the image of God? (Genesis 1:27)
14. Do you and your wife demonstrate unity in your relationship even when you disagree? (Genesis 2:24)
15. Does your presence at home with your wife bring her happiness? (Deuteronomy 24:5)
16. If your wife is in Christ, does she delight in submitting to you? (Song of Solomon 2:3)
17. Do you make it easy for your wife to submit to you? Are you gentle with her? (Colossians 3:19)
18. Do you honor your wife by: helping her in her weakness; seeking to understand her continually; viewing her as a co-heir with you of the Kingdom (1 Peter 3:7)
19. Do you provide for your wife's spiritual, emotional, mental, and relational needs? (Ephesians 5:29)
20. Do you regularly and sincerely pray that God would bless, empower, guide, and heal your wife especially if she is struggling, regardless of if she is seeking God or not? (James 5:16)
21. Do you regularly ask your wife 'How can I love you and lead our marriage better?' (1 Corinthians 11:3)

And the one bonus question:

- How honest are you in your responses to the above questions?

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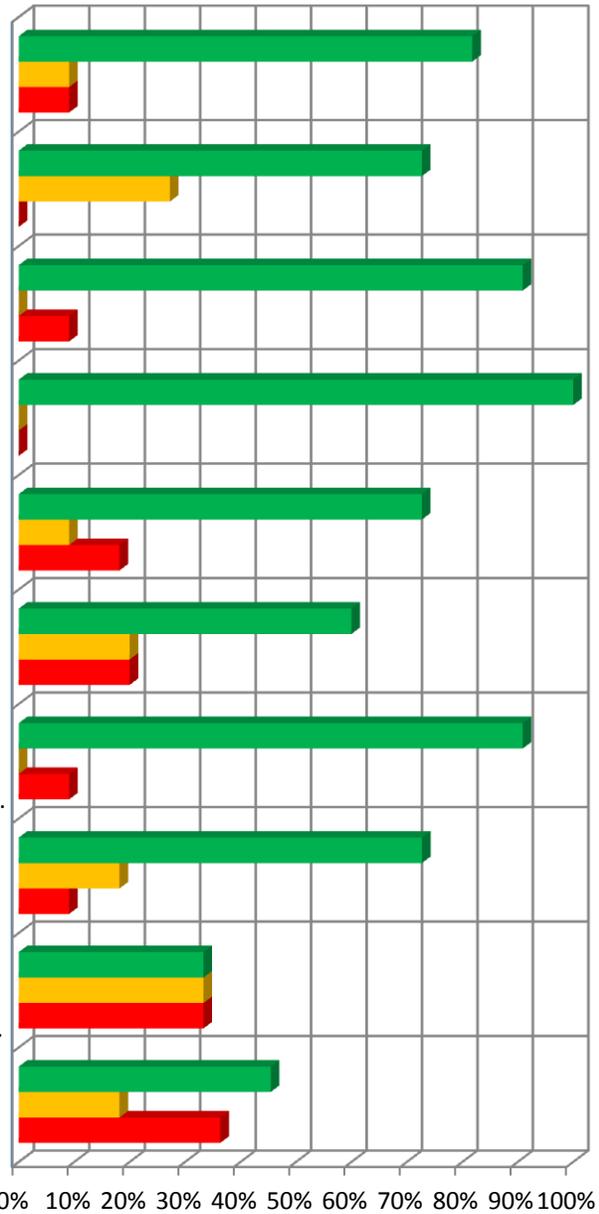
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