

idea leads a great many people to expect the marriage will be absolutely perfect. They will love and live in bliss the rest of their lives, and then when they find it isn't that way they go to the opposite extremes.

That accounts for a lot of the broken homes and accounts for a lot of disappointment among Christians. So I think it is important that Christian people realize that a wife is a helpmeet --not just somebody to give them a thrill. I was very much impressed by what Mr. Gregory said to me the other day. He remarked that he had spoken to his children in his church. That some matters had come up and he said, Now remember we are administering families. ~~Yes. And he thought of the whole family~~ We are a ministering family. He thought of the whole family as ministering to people for Christ.

I have heard some fine Christian fellows say, My wife isn't the servant of the church, she is my wife. There is no more reason for her to do something in the church than there is anybody else. I think that is a very wrong attitude. It does not mean that people should go to the other extreme at all and think that everything can be left to the pastor's wife. I think she has primarily a right to be a wife and a mother. She is not at everybody's beck and call. But I do think she should have the feeling that she is part of the ministering. That they are a team rather than that she is simply his wife, and he the minister.

I remember one time talking to a fellow years before I was married, and referring to something I'd been reading about the sexual aspect of marriage. He said, Well if that doesn't work out he said there are so many other fine things about marriage. I was quite surprised the way he spoke. I rather think that there are a great many cases where that is the case. It is probably partly due to the fact that people have an exaggerated idea of the place of that in marriage. If it has too big a place in marriage it is all the more reason to expect that the marriage won't last. At least that it won't last as a happy thing. I think that is an aspect of it a person should know something about.

One thing I think is very important in that relation is that people are built differently. A man may have 2 or 3 times the sexual urge that a woman has; on the other hand the woman may have 2 or 3 times what the man has. I remember one fellow I knew years ago who when comparatively young got married. After a couple of years I met him, and he says, It's no drain on her. She's always after me. I never saw him much after that. I don't know what happened or how it lasted, but I could see that in their case there was a strong imbalance in the opposite direction of what people usually expect it to be.

In relation to that I think there is a great difference between them. A man gets excited quickly. He's through and done. The woman has not yet reached her point of excitement. Then she is left unhappy; worked up and not satisfied. That is one thing that wrecks a great many marriages. A man needs to learn to hold