WORK RELATIONSHIPS — BOTH HUSBAND AND WIFE ON STAFF

OUTLINE

INTRODUCTION

I. Foundation facts

A. Foundation fact #1

B. Foundation fact #2

C. Foundation fact #3

D. Foundation fact #4

E. Foundation fact #5

*1. Age of children.*

*2. Health of wife.*

*3. Training and capability of husband.*

*4. Ability of wife.*

*5. Temperaments.*

*6. Spiritual maturity.*

*7. Skill in interpersonal relations.*

F. Foundation fact #6

II. Essentials for a successful husband and wife work relationship

A. Dedication of each to the Lord — 100% surrender to Him.

B. A vision of WHY (the purpose).

C. Praying through problems individually and together.

D. Keeping the lines of communication open.

E. Mutual respect for each other’s ministry, gifts and efforts.

F. Professionalism in the work relationship.

G. Apologizing when in error.

H. Being ministry-oriented.

I. Undergirding each other’s ministry.

J. Promoting Christian goals.

K. Performing at a higher level of willingness and quality than someone who is not related to a team member.

L. Sharing the load at home (Teamwork on meals, cleanup, home care, child care, etc.).

M. Sensitivity of husband to wife’s work needs for praise.

N. Keeping neutral ground—treating her like any other team member at work and in work

relationships.

O. Submission of the wife to husband and Lord.

P. Training children to catch and live the vision of their parents.

Q. Realizing that at home some things will go undone.

R. Eating out occasionally.

S. Adequate rest, diet, relaxation.

III. Dangers to a successful husband and wife work relationship

A. Picking up an offense toward the other mate.

*1. Affecting or coloring one’s attitude toward the supposed offender.*

*2. Being overly defensive or protective of mate.*

B. Exhaustion.

C. Pressure.

D. Reminding each other at the CBLT CENTER or at church of the problems that they have at home.

E. Disagreeing with each other in public.

F. Taking wife’s or child’s word as an accurate picture of any given situation.

G. Nagging.

H. Gossip.

I. Deterioration of her spirit.

J. People coming to the wife rather than to the husband with problems, suggestions.

K. Speaking for husband or implying she is.

L. Undermining each other’s success or authority “He said this, but I believe THIS is bet¬ter.”

M. Taking problems, people, circumstances home to the children.

N. A contest (there is NO contest — no one who is a winner).

O. Showing partiality in:

*1. Delegating responsibilities.*

*2. Pay scale.*

*3. Little things.*

P. A proud spirit sensed by other members of the team!

Q. Complaining before other team members, students, etc.

R. Being too soft — undermining the other’s discipline.

S. Belittling your mate by making public their shortcomings, failures, inabilities, etc.

T. Giving your children privileges others cannot have (or your boss’s children).

CONCLUSION

Practical assignment