

Gospel on Display – Survey Says
May 19, 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.

Shortly after that session, we conducted an anonymous survey of the group using those 21 questions (plus an extra) and on April 7, we reviewed the results of that survey. As part of the discussion, it was suggested that it would be interesting to know how our wives perceive how we are doing.

So, we agreed to use the same survey (slightly reworded) to poll our wives. This morning we will review those responses, how they compare to our self-assessment that we discussed on April 7.

Please, each of you, thank your wife for her participation, her honesty and her transparency. Rest assured and also reassure her that we have no idea which spouse 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:

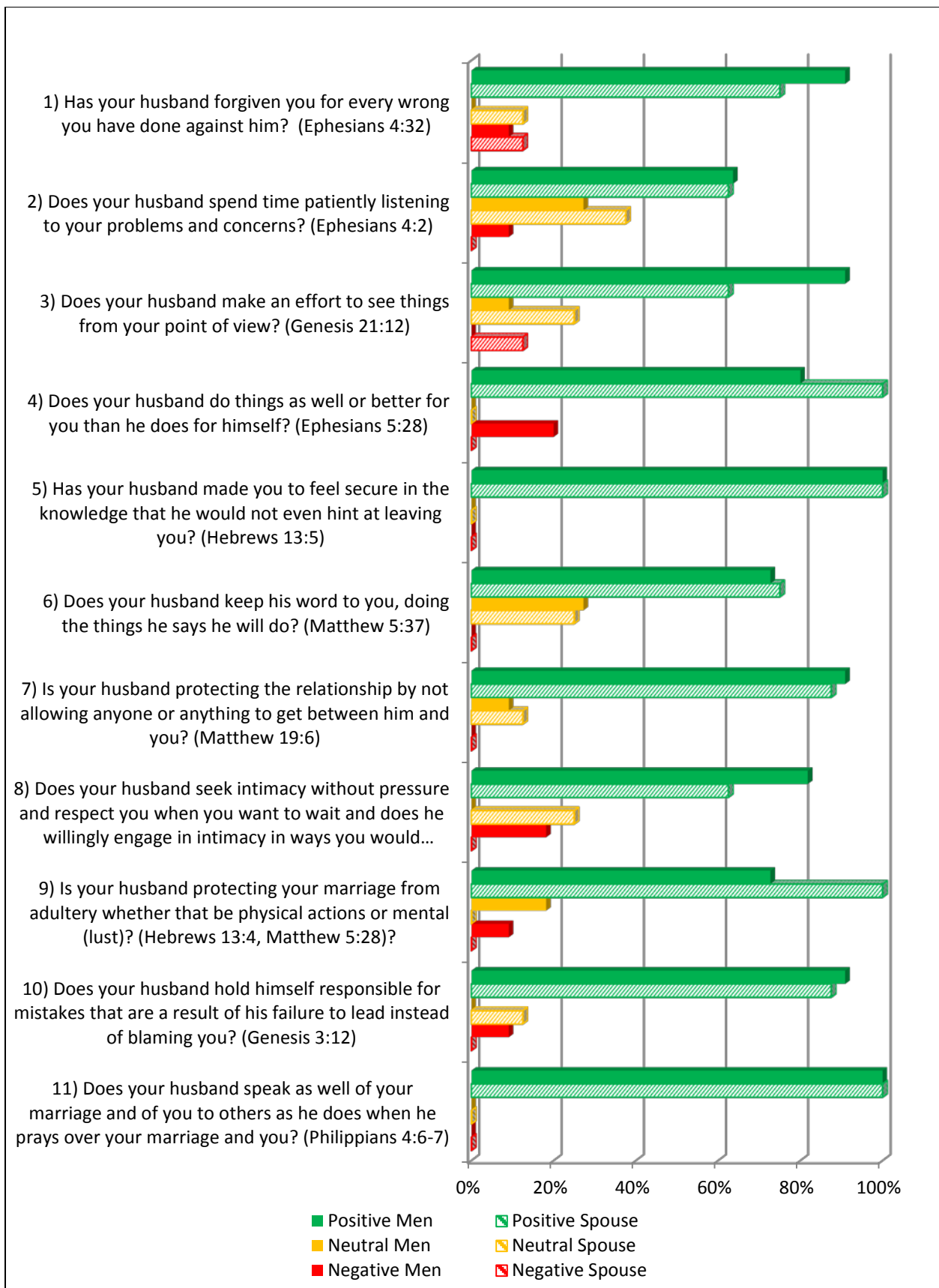
1. While, generally, our wives not only assessed us in a positive light, in many cases they were more positive than our own self-assessment. Why do you think that is?
2. There were, however, several areas that our wives did not assess us as positively as we assessed ourselves. Why do you think that is?
3. Which areas of response give you the most comfort? The most concern?
4. Given the results and the comparison, what then shall we do?
 - As a husband in relationship with your wife?
 - As a brother encouraging and supporting each other here in our relationship with our wives?

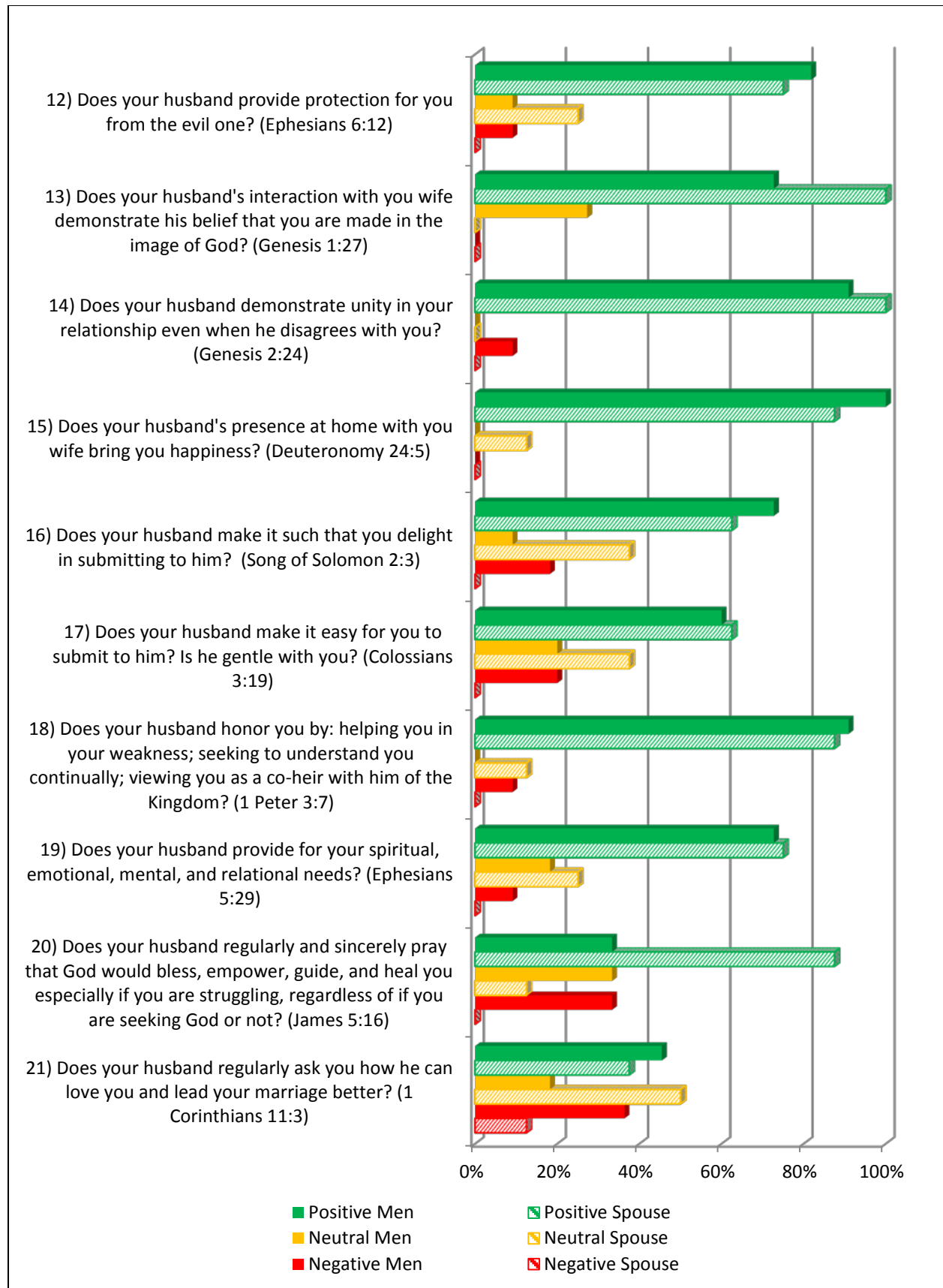
As a reminder, here are the original survey questions:

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 made 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:

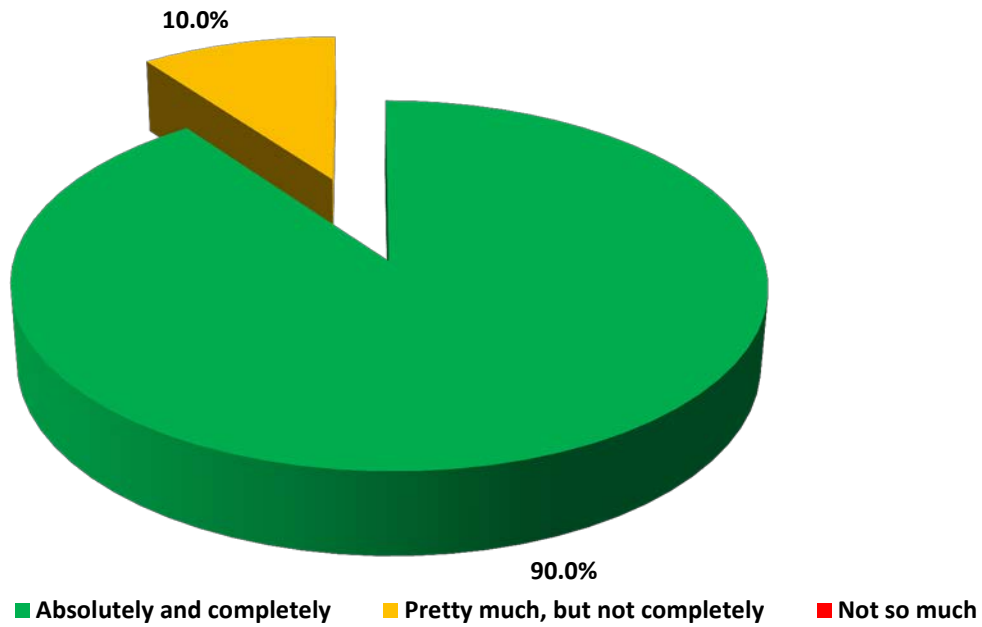
22. How honest are you in your responses to the above questions?





Question	Men	Spouses	Difference
1) Has your husband forgiven you for every wrong you have done against him? (Ephesians 4:32)	 1.4	 1.1	 -0.2
2) Does your husband spend time patiently listening to your problems and concerns? (Ephesians 4:2)	 0.9	 0.8	 -0.2
3) Does your husband make an effort to see things from your point of view? (Genesis 21:12)	 1.5	 0.5	 -1.0
4) Does your husband do things as well or better for you than he does for himself? (Ephesians 5:28)	 1.0	 1.6	 0.6
5) Has your husband made you to feel secure in the knowledge that he would not even hint at leaving you? (Hebrews 13:5)	 1.9	 2.0	 0.1
6) Does your husband keep his word to you, doing the things he says he will do? (Matthew 5:37)	 1.1	 1.5	 0.4
7) Is your husband protecting the relationship by not allowing anyone or anything to get between him and you? (Matthew 19:6)	 1.4	 1.6	 0.3
8) Does your husband seek intimacy without pressure and respect you when you want to wait and does he willingly engage in intimacy in ways you would prefer even if he "doesn't feel like it"? (1 Corinthians 7:4-5)	 1.1	 0.9	 -0.2
9) Is your husband protecting your marriage from adultery whether that be physical actions or mental (lust)? (Hebrews 13:4, Matthew 5:28)?	 1.0	 1.9	 0.9
10) Does your husband hold himself responsible for mistakes that are a result of his failure to lead instead of blaming you? (Genesis 3:12)	 1.3	 1.4	 0.1
11) Does your husband speak as well of your marriage and of you to others as he does when he prays over your marriage and you? (Philippians 4:6-7)	 1.9	 1.9	 -0.1
12) Does your husband provide protection for you from the evil one? (Ephesians 6:12)	 1.1	 1.4	 0.3
13) Does your husband's interaction with you wife demonstrate his belief that you are made in the image of God? (Genesis 1:27)	 1.2	 1.6	 0.4
14) Does your husband demonstrate unity in your relationship even when he disagrees with you? (Genesis 2:24)	 1.2	 1.5	 0.3
15) Does your husband's presence at home with you wife bring you happiness? (Deuteronomy 24:5)	 1.6	 1.6	 0.0
16) Does your husband make it such that you delight in submitting to him? (Song of Solomon 2:3)	 1.0	 1.0	 0.0
17) Does your husband make it easy for you to submit to him? Is he gentle with you? (Colossians 3:19)	 0.6	 1.3	 0.7
18) Does your husband honor you by: helping you in your weakness; seeking to understand you continually; viewing you as a co-heir with him of the Kingdom? (1 Peter 3:7)	 1.5	 1.3	 -0.2
19) Does your husband provide for your spiritual, emotional, mental, and relational needs? (Ephesians 5:29)	 0.8	 1.3	 0.4
20) Does your husband regularly and sincerely pray that God would bless, empower, guide, and heal you especially if you are struggling, regardless of if you are seeking God or not? (James 5:16)	 -0.1	 1.4	 1.5
21) Does your husband regularly ask you how he can love you and lead your marriage better? (1 Corinthians 11:3)	 -0.2	 0.5	 0.7

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(Men)



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