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Understand How Your Wife Feels About Managing the Household

In my monthly newsletters, I have been discussing lessons from the book that my wife and I co-authored together, *Husband School, Where Men Learn the Secrets of Making Wives Happy*. As I repeatedly say, marriage is not an unpredictable, chaotic situation. You can learn the skills and patterns to promote harmony, friendship, and affection in marriage. Don't assume that the mind of your wife is unknowable. The mind of a woman has been dissected, analyzed, and categorized. It is neither impossible nor difficult to understand.

The lesson this month is called Understand How Your Wife Feels About Managing the Household. Men typically feel like women should shoulder the responsibility for managing the household. If a husband can support a stay-at-home wife, then most women are comfortable with household duties. But the truth is, most women are employed outside the home. And men need to realize that women become upset when they have little or no discretionary time but are still expected to do all the housework, laundry, cooking, and childcare.

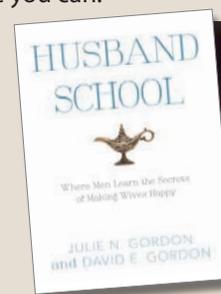
If your wife feels overwhelmed with the responsibilities of the household, then she expects you to help solve this problem, either by helping yourself or figuring out another solution. One thing men can do is offer to help with household tasks that they don't mind doing. Women are usually grateful for any kind of help.

Another idea to consider if your wife works full-time is to explore cutting back on your spending as a couple, so she can reduce her hours to part-time. Women are known for their helpful ways but working full-time and carrying the full load of the household often sends women into overdrive. Have a direct conversation with your wife to see how she feels about the management of the household and try to take stress off her where you can.

To a husband, the idea of helping with or contributing to household management is one of the most uncomfortable and undesirable subjects. But mature and wise husbands do what is necessary to make sure their wife feels understood and loved, even if it means helping with the dishes.

Next month: **Understand How Money Management Affects Your Wife**

If you would like a free copy of *Husband School*, you can get one at my office. In addition, they are available on Amazon.



What is the advantage of having a board-certified lawyer?

Less than 2% of Tennessee lawyers are board certified. Certification is important to you because it assures you that a specific lawyer's skills, integrity, and experience have been carefully scrutinized by a national board of experts and found to be exceptional. The certified lawyer knows how to handle insurance companies that are trying to pay you as little as possible. And equally important is the fact that the insurance companies know that a board-certified lawyer has the skill and experience to take the case to trial if the offer is unfair.

Your most powerful advantage is a lawyer known to be a highly skilled trial lawyer. The odds are much greater that such a lawyer will be able to successfully negotiate an out-of-court settlement for you.



Road Rage

Definition The term Road Rage was coined by local news station KTLA in Los Angeles after a string of shootings occurred on several freeways in the city. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration defines road rage as when a driver “commits moving traffic offenses so as to endanger other persons or property; an assault with a motor vehicle or other dangerous weapon by the operator or passenger of one motor vehicle on the operator or passengers of another motor vehicle”.

Road Rage Statistics The following statistics compiled from the NHTSA and the Auto Vantage auto club show that aggressive driving and road rage are causing serious problems on our roads.

- 66% of traffic fatalities are caused by aggressive driving.
- 37% of aggressive driving incidents involve a firearm.
- Males under the age of 19 are the most likely to exhibit road rage.
- Half of drivers who are on the receiving end of an aggressive behavior, such as horn honking, a rude gesture, or tailgating admit to responding with aggressive behavior themselves.
- Over a seven-year period, 218 murders and 12,610 injuries were attributed to road rage.

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I had given up on the justice system and my trust in lawyers until I hired David Gordon. He restored my trust in lawyers because he is so honest and fair. I feel like he went the extra mile and he always had my best interest at heart. He never made a promise to me he did not keep. He was always there when I needed him just like he'll be there for you.

-Patricia V



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How to deal with an AGGRESSIVE DRIVER

Aggressive drivers cause accidents. An aggressive driver speeds, tailgates, runs red lights, makes frequent lane changes, expresses frustration, and may be distracted on top of everything else. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, one third of fatal accidents are caused by aggressive driving. While you may not engage in the aggressive behaviors listed above, you will most certainly encounter an aggressive driver on the road at some point.

When confronted with an aggressive driver, there are several things you can do to keep the situation from escalating from irritating to dangerous. For starters, get out of the way. Make every attempt to avoid the maniac who is trying their best to shave a few seconds off their commute time. This may mean putting your pride aside by resisting the urge to challenge

them to a race or blocking them from their erratic lane changes. Avoid eye contact. Just like an angry dog, eye contact may make the aggressive driver more angry and more aggressive. For the same reason, try to refrain from making aggressive gestures towards the road rager, and refuse to acknowledge any they make at you.

It may make you angry to think of letting someone who is behaving in an aggressive and disrespectful way off the hook, but that's not entirely what we're suggesting. If you encounter serious aggressive driving, you should report it to the police. If you have a passenger in the car this is easier. Try to get their license plate number and the make/model of their vehicle. Then call the police. If you don't have a passenger to make the call, pull over to a safe place before calling yourself.