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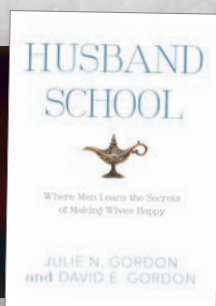
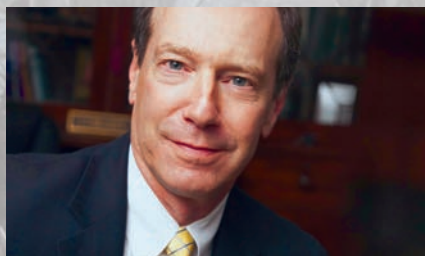
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Understand Your Wife's Desire for The One Thing



In my monthly newsletters, I have been discussing lessons from the book that my wife and I wrote 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 called *Understand Your Wife's Desire for The One Thing*. As you well know, what's important to you is not always as important to your wife (for example, it is common for men to have a higher desire for sexual intimacy). But likewise, what is important to your wife is not always as important to you (such as her concern for the children, relatives, clothes, holidays, etc.). In truth, both spouses often don't seem to fully understand the desires of the other and therefore, they often withhold "The One Thing" that the other wants.

Doing what comes naturally in marriage *does not* work. What comes naturally to you does not come naturally to her, and vice versa. So counter this problem by trying to listen carefully to your spouse so you can detect what it is she wants most. When

you discover it, keep negotiating until both spouses are happy. One wife we know wanted to work less so she could be home more with the children. But her husband was against this idea as this would place a heavier financial burden on his shoulders. After many, many extended conversations, this couple resolved the issue by the wife agreeing to cut expenses (drive older model cars and rarely go out to eat) so the wife would only work part-time. Solutions can often be found if spouses will dialog and negotiate *The One Thing*.

There is a price to pay for having a fabulous marriage. Men expect to work hard to succeed in their calling or hobby, but for the one relationship that largely determines their domestic happiness, they expect it to grow lavishly by itself. Like a baby left outdoors, your marriage will not survive without protection and nourishment. Discovering The One Thing is part of what makes a marriage thrive.

Next month: *Understand that Husbands—Not Wives—Are the Game Changers in Marriage*.

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



SMILE! You may be on camera

It is a common practice for insurance companies to hire private investigators to gather evidence that claimants are faking or exaggerating their injuries. If you are involved in a personal injury or workers' compensation case, be aware that anything you do or say in public may come back to haunt you.

A private investigator will follow a claimant, taking photos, video, and audio, hoping to find a moment that proves the injury isn't as bad as reported. Any damaging evidence they turn up can be used in court. If, for example, someone files a workers' compensation claim because of a back injury, a PI will try to capture evidence of that person lifting something that they should not be able to lift with their injury. If you think this type of surveillance is illegal, you are mistaken. Photographing, taking video, and recording audio in public is legal.

Online snooping is another cause for concern. If you are involved in an injury case, the best thing to do is suspend your social media accounts. Even if you're not currently posting, things from your past can be used against you by a skilled attorney. If you've checked all your past posts and decide to keep your account active, set all your privacy settings to the most restrictive and be extremely careful about anything you post. Even private posts and your friends' posts can be used in court.

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OVEN-ROASTED POTATOES

Try this simple, healthy recipe to get the most nutrition out of your potatoes. Try different color potatoes if available at your local grocer. Different colors can provide different antioxidants, different textures, and different flavors. This recipe can easily be adjusted by adding or subtracting different seasonings so feel free to experiment and find a flavor you love!

- 2 pounds medium potatoes**
- 2 tablespoons olive oil**
- 1 teaspoon salt**
- ½ teaspoon black pepper**
- ½ teaspoon rosemary, dried and crushed**
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder**

Preheat oven to 450 F. Cut potatoes into quarters*. In a large bowl, mix salt, pepper, rosemary, and garlic with oil. Add potatoes and toss to coat in seasoned oil. Place in a single layer in a roasting pan. Bake for about 20 minutes, stirring occasionally, until they are soft.

*You can also use baby potatoes and cook whole.

