

Lies Women Believe
Chapter 6: Lies About Marriage

The Lie	Living the Lie	Truth in Scripture	Living the Truth
21. I have to have a husband to be happy.	Discontent with your season of life (singleness) or your husband. Looking to others to make your life comfortable, happy, or fulfilling. Bitterness & disappointment towards God or your husband.	Happiness is not found in (or out of) marriage (Jer 17:5-8) Only God can meet my deepest needs (Ps 62:5-8)	Not looking to relationships for satisfaction. Finding deep satisfaction in knowing Christ, and the worth He places on you. Content with your season and circumstances of life.
22. It is my responsibility to change my husband.	Focusing on the flaws of my husband, overlooking my own sin. Taking control, an unwillingness to wait on the Lord and His timing. Quarrelsome and nagging.	A godly life and prayer are a wife's two greatest means to influence her husband (James 5:16; I Pet 3:1-4)	Patience with my husband's sanctification. Aware of my own need of God's grace and mercy. Appropriate biblical confrontation as needed.
23. My husband is supposed to serve me.	Self focus. An unwillingness to sacrifice own desires & needs for the sake of my husband. Fearful of losing independence. Resentful or bitter towards my husband.	God made the woman to be a helper to the man (Gen 2:18) We are never more like Jesus that when we are serving others (John 13:12-17)	Service to my husband is service to the Lord. Cheerful disposition. Aware of my husband's unique needs & look for ways to meet them.
24. If I submit to my husband I'll be miserable.	Fear of not being able to express opinions or use my gifts well, of being ignored or mistreated. Desire for control & decision making ability. Don't think husband's leadership is trustworthy.	The Lord controls the heart of my husband (Prov 21:1) Reverent submission is another means to influence a husband not walking with the Lord (I Pet 3:3-6)	Ultimately submission to my husband is submission to God, who is completely trustworthy and in control. Trust in God's plan for me and confidence in His goodness.
25. If my husband is passive, I've got to take the initiative or nothing will get done.	Impatience with an indecisive husband. Quick to take the reins. Not asking for my husband's input, or criticizing his attempts to lead.	Waiting on the Lord to work in your husband is better than taking control yourself (Gen 16:1-3; Ps 27:13-14)	Patience with husband's attempts to lead. Quick to encourage and submit to his decisions.
26. Sometimes divorce is a better option than staying in a bad marriage.	Nursing husband's offenses, refusing to forgive. Bitterness, resentment, disappointment set in. Withdraw, lack of expressing love and serving husband. Husband's faults appear worse than mine.	There is no marriage God can't heal nor person God can't change (Prov 21:1) God uses the rough edges of each partner to conform the other to Christ (Eph 5:24-27) God's grace is sufficient for you to be faithful & forgive without limit (II Cor 12:9)	Commitment to my marriage, humility towards my husband, trust in God's work, repeated forgiveness for offenses, deep thankfulness for God's mercy and grace towards me.