

HUSBAND-WIFE ROLE CONCEPTS

What do you believe about your role in marriage?¹

Answer Key: 1. Strongly agree 2. Mildly agree 3. Not sure 4. Mildly disagree 5. Strongly disagree

Wife Responds

- 1 2 3 4 5 The husband is the head of the home.
- 1 2 3 4 5 The wife should not be employed outside of the home.
- 1 2 3 4 5 The husband should help regularly with the dishes.
- 1 2 3 4 5 The wife has the greater responsibility for the children.
- 1 2 3 4 5 Money that the wife earns is her money.
- 1 2 3 4 5 The wife should always be the one to cook.
- 1 2 3 4 5 The husband should have at least one night a week out with friends.
- 1 2 3 4 5 The husband's responsibility is to his job and the wife's responsibility is to the home and children.
- 1 2 3 4 5 Money can best be handled through a joint checking account.
- 1 2 3 4 5 Marriage is a 50-50 proposition.
- 1 2 3 4 5 Major decisions should be made by the husband in case of an impasse.
- 1 2 3 4 5 The husband should babysit one night a week so the wife can get away and do what she wants.
- 1 2 3 4 5 A couple should spend their free times with one another.
- 1 2 3 4 5 It is all right for the wife to initiate love-making with her husband.

Husband Responds

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Wife Responds

- 1 2 3 4 5 The husband and wife should manage money matters together.
- 1 2 3 4 5 Neither the husband nor the wife should purchase an item costing over thirty dollars without consulting the other.
- 1 2 3 4 5 The father is the one responsible for disciplining the children.
- 1 2 3 4 5 A wife who has special talent should have a career.
- 1 2 3 4 5 It is the wife's responsibility to have the house neat and clean.
- 1 2 3 4 5 The husband should take his wife out somewhere twice a month.
- 1 2 3 4 5 The wife is as responsible for the children's discipline as the husband.
- 1 2 3 4 5 It is the husband's job to do the yard work.
- 1 2 3 4 5 The mother should be the teacher of values to the children.
- 1 2 3 4 5 Women are more emotional than men.
- 1 2 3 4 5 Children should be allowed to help plan family activities.
- 1 2 3 4 5 Children develop better in a home with parents who are strict disciplinarians.
- 1 2 3 4 5 The wife should always obey what her husband asks her to do.
- 1 2 3 4 5 The husband should decide who is responsible for each area.
- 1 2 3 4 5 Neither husband nor wife should invite their parents into the home Without the other's permission.

Husband Responds

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¹ Premarital Counseling by Norman Wright, pp. 202-203 with adaptations by Paul Bucknell.