

Hunting for a Good Marriage—Wedding Shower Devotion

Hunting is its own hobby and sport. It takes a large amount of self-discipline as well as training in how to go through with killing the animal you're hunting. Let's think of just a few things that are required when you go hunting.

- **You have to have the right hiding place(s)** – You need a great place to hide when you are hunting so that you cannot be seen. The Bible says that when you get married you are to leave your father and mother and cleave to your husband (Genesis 3). You should be hiding in a place where you are cleaving and close to your husband. Another place to hide is in the shadow of the Almighty, especially in times of trouble. – Psalm 91:1 *“He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.”*
- **Your hunting gear (clothes)** – This is very important to keep yourself hidden and warm while you wait for your opportunity to make a shot. The wife's proper clothing is found in I Peter 3:4,5 *“But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:”* This is not a popular set of clothing to wear because as these verses say, it comes at a great price. The cost is our words and how hard it is sometimes to put on a meek and quiet spirit! But when we do, it shows we trust God to take care of things in our marriage.
- **The right weapon** – As important as a good clean gun is important to a hunter's outing, the weapon of a good wife will be the same weapon as a good Christian, which is the Sword of the Lord, the Bible. The Word of God will help you defeat the enemy as he attempts to attack you as you seek to honor God with your marriage. The Sword will also teach you how to correct your own heart and ways (Hebrews 4:12).
- **The right site** – Not only is a good gun the most important piece on a hunting adventure, but you should have a good site on your gun so that you can look through it and see the animal that you are planning on killing. There are other sites you should keep your eye on as you walk through marriage together with your husband.
 - Keep your sights on: The Lord, your husband, and your family.
 - Watch for the enemies – the wicked woman, laziness, distractions and/or relational substitutes
- **Take safety precautions** – Just like when you are hunting and you typically wear hunter's orange as a safety precaution to keep other hunters from shooting you, you should take precautions in your marriage. The most important thing to guard your heart against is hardness of heart because it is the cause of divorce (Matthew 19:4-8). Protect yourself against bitterness by forgiving and not going to bed angry (Ephesians 4:26). Practice doing good to your husband even when you do not feel like it because the virtuous woman gives us this example in Proverbs 31:12, *“She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.”*

God and His Word will help you to be the best wife and hunter that He wants you to be. He is the best at watching out for us and helping us in our marriage. I pray and hope that the Lord will be always in your site that you can walk with your husband for as many years as the Lord will allow you together.