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Keeping a marriage healthy is all about the details--the daily actions and interactions in which husbands and wives lift each other up and offer support, encouragement, and love. In *The Husband Project* women will discover fun and creative ways to bring back that lovin' feeling and remind their husbands--and themselves--why they married in the first place.

Using the sense of humor that draws thousands of women a year to hear her speak, Kathi Lipp shows wives through simple daily action plans how they can bring the fun back into their relationship even amidst their busy schedules.

The Husband Project is an indispensable resource for the wife who desires to

discover the unique plan God has for her marriage and her role as a wife create a plan to love her husband "on purpose" support and encourage other wives who want to make their marriage a priority experience release from the guilt of "not being enough"

The Husband Project is for every woman who desires to bring more joy into her marriage but just needs a little help setting a plan into action.

The Husband Project Details

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Keiki Hendrix says

"The Husband Project is as much about changing our attitudes as it is about blessing our husbands."

Wanna take on a 3 week (21 day) project that could perhaps change your entire marriage? Welcome to your how-to guide in Kathi Lipp's "The Husband Project: 21 Days of Loving Your man..on Purpose and With a Plan."

In our current culture where so many women are praised and admired for seeking to fulfill themselves' or 'pursuing their own interest' (to the detriment of many of their families), one would think that this book would not be worth the time.

What? You want me to spend 21 days completing project after project after project for my husband? What's in it for me? To the wise woman, the last question could be answered in Proverbs 14:1...

Every wise woman buildeth her house:
but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.

The key here is the word 'buildeth'. To build or construct something you most often need a plan. This book is packed with ideas, tips, notions, recipes, and so much more. The author is a busy wife, mother, and retreat speaker, not to mention and very funny writer.

The projects are well thought out with objections noted and responses given at each step of the 21 days. Sample contracts for accountability partners, project management guidelines and forms, and a great list of 'guy food' recipes combine to make this a wonderful book to use in the Women's Ministry of your church.

Complimenting the book, is the author's website at <http://www.kathilipp.com> where you will find sample chapters, additional/bonus materials and leader's guide, articles, and audio.

Debra says

This book is amazing, but not meant for a newly-wed. I think this book is best read after the rose-colored glasses have been set aside for a bit. The Husband Project is somewhat a play on words because it really transforms you as a wife as you take on this project with gusto . . . your hubby. I have learned how often I have let the busyness of life has dictated how well or how poorly I love my husband. It was not a pretty mirror to look through, but in so doing, I re-learned the need for "the little things" to become my habit as I die to myself and then experience a new level of joy as I serve and love my husband as we do life together. I don't want to just make it through marriage; I was my marriage to enhance and stimulate me to godliness as I influence my husband to the same. It just takes accountability and 21 committed days to get you going in a new direction. Check it out.

Chantel says

Although I had to give the book itself only three stars, I have to give the study and process of doing this book 5 stars. I had a blast. My two accountability partners were encouraging and helped challenge me. It was so much fun and I recommend the experience to anyone - no matter where your marriage is!! For the book itself. I loved the outline format of the book and her supportive suggestions throughout. On the chapters she DID it, I loved when Kathi gave us a true insight to our husbands in a biblical viewpoint ... But she didn't do it for every chapter and so some days I felt a wanting for "more" in the biblical sense. I also felt like some of the "challenges" are things that you should try to do daily... As a matter of fact most of the challenges weren't that at all for me. Granted that's not the case for all marriages, but a wife who strives to live by the principles outlined in Proverbs 31 will have to use a LOT of imagination as I did to complete anything above what I consider, just ordinary. So it fell severely short for me in that aspect... I had to rewrite most challenges to go above and beyond my daily habits to intentionally focus on my husband...

Ashley says

I probably shouldn't mark this as read because I didn't really read the whole thing. I like the idea and had a good start on it, but then felt like I needed to adapt the projects too much. I totally agree with the concept of going out of your way to do things for your hubby- we all know that the best way to love someone more is to serve them! It was good to flip through and get some ideas of different things to do- maybe somewhat out of your comfort zone, but in the end I feel like I would rather ponder it myself every day instead.

Angie says

Kathi Lipp does an amazing job of showing you how to love your husband intentionally! Over 21 days you do something for your husband every single day. You do these things not to get something in return or for recognition, but simply because you love him. It is great way to help a couple who is struggling to find a way to reconnect, yet it will also bring a close couple even closer. Through God's love, we learn to appreciate our spouse even more. I highly recommend this book to ALL WIVES!!!

Amanda Best says

Recently started this project as a surprise for my one year wedding anniversary in July. Very quick read and helpful with the projects.

Shannon Upton says

Kathy Lipp shares many great ideas about how to show your husband a little extra love! She challenges the reader to complete extra acts of love each day for a month. She encourages you to find other women to share the journey with you, but I completed the book on my own and was able to keep up just fine.

My only small complaint (and this has more to do with the industry than Kathy Lipp) is that she perpetuates the idea that Christian wives in general don't love and support their husbands enough. I've read several books with similar premises, and I find it frustrating. Maybe I just have great friends(!), but the women in my circle try very hard to love and support their husbands. Books like this aren't revolutionary, they're just helpful.

The Husband Project could be very helpful to you, and enjoyable! I'd recommend this to any married woman.

Lynnette says

Author Kathi Lipp shares ideas for keeping the love for our husbands alive in our hearts by daily completing a "project" with our guys in mind. Some of the projects are quick and easy (but can mean so much), such as simply making a point of thanking our husbands for the things they do for us, and others are more involved, such as cooking a special dinner. All suggested projects are complete with several suggested variations, allowing easy tailoring to our own situations.

Alyssa says

Read this book as part of a community blog challenge. I just wanted to explore more ways to love on my awesome hubby and this book provides a treasure trove. It is super easy to read and fun to follow along. The author provides so many helpful ideas and hints that it is completely easy to relate each project to your husband personally. None of the projects has to be big, the idea is to be building small habits in yourself over the 21 days.

I recommend this book for anyone who wants to become a more loving, grateful wife!!

Susy Flory says

Lust is easy. Love is hard. Like is most important (Carl Reiner).

Marriage starts with being totally enthralled with the most amazing man you've ever met. Then ... life happens. Kids, bills, illness, family issues, not to mention stubble, belching, and raggedy underwear. You love your husband, but you don't always LIKE him. The Husband Project is for us, women who have fallen into a comfortable marriage routine, meaning "you don't bug me and I don't bug you." This book offers hope that there's more to marriage than just a lukewarm partnership stuck in neutral; in just 21 days you can jump start your marriage. Kathi Lipp's writing is clear, real, and hilarious as she challenges you to put your marriage on "project status" and shows you how to work her plan with very little effort and lots of results. The book also offers lots of practical info, such as a list of great guy movies, man-pleasing recipes, and "The Real Woman's Guide to Lingerie Shopping." If "a simple word can renew hope (Lois Rabey)" then this fun and friendly book can help you renew your marriage. It's like a kick in the pants from a wise and wonderful best friend, and Lord knows we all need that from time to time!

Kathy says

Well this book changed the way I look at my husband and my marriage. I had already read "Marriage: A Path to Sanctity," so I had the theological background going into marriage. This book is more of a "how-to" put those ideals into practice. I especially enjoyed the male approved recipes. I own many whole foods and vegetarian cook books, but my husband's favorite meal is meatloaf. Now I have a no-fail recipe for that, that I can throw into the mix once or twice a month. I also have tons of little activities that I can do to bless my husband when he is feeling down, when I feel the need to do some blessing, or just because. This is a must read for wives.

Amy T. says

This one gets a 2.5 to 3 stars. It was ok. First off, the title makes it sound like your husband is a project when the book is actually about ways to bless your husband. I didn't like that. The author was very humorous and real, which I enjoyed. She explained things in a way that made you feel like she was on your level. The book seemed particularly geared towards wives who have children, which was good because women with children can place their marriage on the wayside too much. And she did a good job addressing those who stay at home with kids and those who work. But those without kids may get less out of this book. I give her some credit for having some good ideas to bless your husband and really practical ways to help wives place more focus on their marriage (particularly those with kids). I think my biggest issue with this book is that I didn't feel like her ideas were all that original. If you haven't spent much time reading marriage books, seeking counsel, or going to marriage retreats, this book may be very helpful. But for those who engage in these things and frequently work towards making their marriage a priority, this book just wasn't anything special. And she explained her ideas as if they were innovative and unique. I'm afraid these are neither and merely good ideas that she borrowed.

Wendi says

Perfect for : Personal Use, Women's Bible Study Group, Women's Group

In a nutshell: Love it . . . NEED it! In hoping to pick up a book that would help me "fix" some things with my husband, I actually found that I needed to fix myself - starting with my perspective! After one day of reading the book, I found myself noticing things that I am grateful for, instead of focusing on the things that aren't quite right. I also realized that now that we have a toddler, I've moved my focus from my husband to our son, and it is time for me to learn to share that focus a little better so I'm not neglecting anyone. Sounds hard right? Nope - Kathi Lipp has written a wonderful book to help you show your husband that you love and appreciate him through little things you do over the course of 21 days (21 days builds a habit!). I highly recommend this book to anyone in a serious relationship - no matter how long you've been in it!

Extended Review: One thing I've learned over the past eight years of marriage - we will have our ups and downs, our days where we love each other unconditionally, and we also have some not-so-great moments where tempers flare and teeth grind. . . SO, when I heard about this great new book out called The Husband Project, I was instantly interested! Wow - sounds like the answer to my prayers. While it is not quite the project I was expecting, it is indeed something I need. I've become absorbed in daily things that get on my nerves and have stopped paying attention to the good things he is doing, and I certainly don't make the effort

to show him that I appreciate him - so this book is perfect for me!

Kathi Lipp has created a project, that is meant to help you show your husband that you love and respect him, but shhhh - it's a secret. She carefully explains that you want to keep this project a secret so that expectations aren't changed (You've worked to set up a nice surprise, and if he knows you are working on the Husband Project, he may not see the surprise as anything special because he is expecting some grand gesture, so this is one of those times when it is good to keep a secret).

Content: The book has three main sections. The first goes into how to prepare for the Husband Project (why it is important, what is the purpose, what do you need to do ahead of time).

The second section covers the actual project - all three weeks are detailed with daily project suggestions which include good explanations, a daily prayer, ways to change the project, and actual feedback from people who have done that project.

The third section includes a few tools to use throughout the project. It has a great checklist/planner, two guides (guide to choosing lingerie, and some great recipes for guy food), and some information on how to contact the author.

Format: Each project is explained in detail, including why the project was chosen and what it is trying to accomplish. It is followed by a prayer for the day, some ways to be more creative with the project, and some comments from people who have already completed the project.

Readability: Very easy to read, understand and implement!

Overall: I highly recommend this book to anyone in a serious relationship, but especially for those whose relationship feels like it has hit a dull or rough patch. Give this book a chance to help change your perspective and put some fun (respect, love, laughter, etc) back into your relationship.

Stacie says

I just won this book! Should be fun!

Shawna Ridgley says

I've been married for 18+ years and another friend had this on their reading list so I thought I'd take a look. The book had some good suggestions and a nice format if you are a goal-oriented type person who needs a plan to stick to. I really appreciated how the author uplifted men and also how they put the focus on the wife and her making changes to love her man better, regardless of the man's actions/response. However for me, after being very happily married for 18 years I realized that I was already doing most of her suggestions, so it wasn't really new information for me. But I thought it could have been very helpful when I was newly married and trying to figure things out. I think it could also be helpful to those who've been married for awhile but life has gotten to be more about the kids or jobs or hobbies and you're desiring to reconnect.
