

# THE NEEDS AND FEARS OF MEN

Gen. 3:17-19

## NEED:

### Significance

Accomplishing  
Progressing  
Achieving  
Being important

**When our  
needs are  
met our  
fears decline**

### Needs Met

Sharing, open, in-  
volved  
Communicative  
Capacity to reach out,  
give to others  
A partner, inclusive  
Fun to be with

## FEAR:

### Failure

Behind my peers  
Not progressing  
Not doing what I  
should be  
Will what I am  
doing survive?

### Fear Realized

Distant, closed  
Preoccupied  
Cold, shallow, emo-  
tionally withdrawn  
Hide out (T.V. news-  
paper)

*Gen. 3:17-19 To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat of it,' "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return." (NIV)*

# THE NEEDS AND FEARS OF WOMEN

Gen. 3:16

## NEED:

### Security

Valued, cherished  
Unconditional love  
Talked to, involved  
Financial security  
Physical security

## FEAR:

### Abandonment

No conversation  
Left out  
Not included in  
planning  
Ignored  
Not important

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### Needs Met

Supportive  
Encouraging  
Stands with/for, be-  
lieves in  
Cheers on  
Gives support  
Desires intimacy

### Fear Realized

Critical  
Attacking  
Demanding  
Negative  
Unsupportive  
Avoids Intimacy

*Gen. 3:16 To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you." (NIV)*