

Chapter 1 : KitchenSavvy: Daze of Our Lives

*Daze of Our Wives: A Semi-Helpful Guide to Marital Bliss [Dave Meurer] on www.nxgvision.com *FREE* shipping on qualifying offers. A collection of hilarious and insightful essays by a popular Christian columnist offers his unforgettable, ironic.*

With excited anticipation they watched as I strolled over to my beloved crock-pot. As I lifted the lid, they erupted in a chorus of praise and adulation. In unison they inhaled the exquisite aroma of my Wednesday Night Chili. I smiled contentedly as their heart-felt appreciation showered over me. Back to the real world where no one appreciates my cooking, my kitchen is anything but pristine, and my husband thinks estrogen has given me the magical ability to locate all his missing items. It happens that I do know where his keys are estrogen had nothing to do with it and I hand them to him. Off he goes to work and I think how nice it would be to spend time with him this evening. But by the time he returns tonight I will have been tried and tested, stretched and contorted and perhaps even had a few out-of-body experiences. Right now a romantic evening with my husband sounds exciting and rejuvenating, but I fear that those thoughts will have faded by 7 p. She has all her ducks in a row, all her plates spinning smoothly in the air, and no greasy yellow build-up. She is not the so-so wife. She is not the good wife. She is the Excellent Wife! The excellent wife I want to be. By day she nurtures, teaches and loves her children. By night her husband oohs and aahs over her cooking and whispers sweet nothings in her ear. Although in reality I do spend my days praising the budding artist, admonishing the would-be pugilist, instructing the aspiring writer and silencing the nap-needing whiner, I could use a few more nights of bouquets and whispers, sweet or otherwise. As challenging as The Proverbs 31 Woman is to me, she has been a great teacher. Like The Proverbs 31 Woman, we wives affirm ourselves as good homemakers when all members of our family are well taken care of. We must also remember that we, as members of the family, need care, too. The wife of Proverbs is no martyr. She knows her value is far above rubies. But a wife must be careful not to neglect her emotional and physical bonds with her husband. A wife gives the best of herself when the best of herself is nurtured and appreciated. Connecting with the one who holds her heart is essential. If that connection is not strong, she is deprived of a source of strength and confidence. Mary and Martha I have also found great joy and peace in the lessons of two other women of Scripture. Martha and Mary have taught me much. Neither of these ladies was concerned with children, husband, or laundry, but they both teach us about taking time for the important things in life, those things that the Lord sends our way to flavor life so deliciously. Martha teaches me that while keeping an orderly home is important, there are times when other things come first. Mary saw that and savored her time with Christ Lk. So from Martha I learn that if Romance is coming to my house, she must be invited and planned for. After the birth recently of our sixth child, I planned an evening alone with my husband. I wrote him a poem and, yes, he brought me flowers. The daze of Work! Matthew Henry, Commentary on the Whole Bible n. Hendrickson Publishers, , Amy divides her time between homeschooling the kids and working from their home in Myrtle Beach, SC as a freelance Christian writer.

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Until, that is, Friedan's own hyperbole overwhelms her argument. Again and again, she characterizes women generally as weak-willed, easily held down by this subtle cultural conspiracy, unaware they are being manipulated, and too timid even to admit a problem exists.

Life in the sunshine is so exhilarating that we seldom notice our faith beginning to droop. Dark mysteries bring great blessings. In the gloom, qualities like faith, grit, and dedication, are stretched to limits we have never before reached. Yet life seems so oppressive we are oblivious to our triumphs. In pristine conditions eyes of faith can see forever. When storms close in, it is a mammoth task for those same eyes to even slightly pierce the swirling murk. It is the conditions, not you, that have deteriorated. Contrary to every feeling, you are not regressing. Most spiritual honeymooners are radiant primarily because they think they have entered a blissful world of near-perfect Christians, instant answers to selfish prayers and a life forever free from pain, heartache and trials. Theirs is most likely mere puppy love, relative to the ardor moving you to tough it out. Never confuse devotion with emotion. By way of illustration, consider the dangers inherent in the most intimate human relationship. Though in a romance, love and physical desire can be intertwined, heartache and tragedy looms for anyone who fails to recognize them as separate entities. What if in marriage a loss of sexual function is viewed as a decline in love? Such a misconception could threaten the whole relationship. Similarly, in the spiritual realm a failure to distinguish between feelings and love for God has serious implications. We march by faith, not by warm fuzzies. An athlete, in the midst of a record-breaking run, has never in his life been so fit and strong. Yet his pain-racked body may have never felt so weak. Likewise, in the midst of a spiritual trial, it is not uncommon to be stronger and yet feel weaker than ever before. And to fellow Christians you might seem hopeless. An ultra-marathon champion staggering up the final hill looks pathetic. A child could do better. Anyone not understanding what this man has gone through would shrink from him in disgust. Only someone with all the facts would be awed by his stamina as he stumbles on. A ministry seems beyond belief. To maintain even a glimmer of faith in such darkness is a spectacular victory. You are pumping spiritual iron. Remember the cripple at the temple gate: And he loves you. Heaven sees us forming on the canvas of the Great Artist. Half-completed works of art look ugly. All that matters, however, is the finished masterpiece. Yield to the Artist. The result will be breath-taking.

Chapter 3 : Daze of our wives

'Daze of Our Wives' got me chortling from the title! I found it extremely hilarious - but then I'm a pro laugher, it doesn't take much to get me going. I'm not sure its seriously a 'guide to marital bliss',but thoroughly enjoyed it.

They did not spend all day cleaning house, nor did they smother us because they needed to live vicariously through our lives. Their own lives were rich and interesting and useful, and I wanted more than anything to be like them. Later I wondered even more about the Friedan gospel: Forced by circumstances to be the sole wage-earner for our six-, then seven-member family, all I knew was exhaustion, frustration, and guilt despite the fact that my professional position made perfect use of my abilities. Friedan seemed to be living in some parallel universe. Revisiting *The Feminine Mystique* a few years ago for a book project, I was thunderstruck to realize, about chapter eight, that Friedan was and is precisely right in much of her assessment of the lives of many middle and upper-middle class women, especially those with higher education. Again and again, she characterizes women generally as weak-willed, easily held down by this subtle cultural conspiracy, unaware they are being manipulated, and too timid even to admit a problem exists. Betty Friedan began writing *The Feminine Mystique* in and it finally appeared in We baby-boomers were in grade school and high school, the economy was booming, Viet Nam was not yet a quagmire, and the civil rights movement was finally becoming a national preoccupation, though seemingly not for the housewives Friedan interviewed from among Smith College alumnae and in suburbs across the country. She had become perplexed about the lack of women in the professions. Why, she wondered, when women had complete freedom to pursue post-high school degrees and faced no legal discrimination against pursuit of any career, did so many stay home as full-time wives and mothers? As she began interviewing these housewives, she found them to be depressed, bored, generally miserable and out of sorts. Yet none of them seemed able to define any particular problem with their lives. It was a strange stirring, a sense of dissatisfaction, a yearning that women suffered. Each suburban wife struggled with it alone. In her muddled chronology, mothers of WWII soldiers both pursued satisfying careers and smothered their sons into neurotic dependency. As she sneers at "unscientific" books on the complementarity of the sexes, she offers a vast social experiment based on her private perceptions. The sheer volume of her evidence, however, begins tempting even the skeptical reader to accept it. Then she declares that women who want to be housewives "are in as much danger as the millions who walked to their own death in the [Nazi] concentration camps. The work they do does not require adult capabilities; it is endless, monotonous, unrewarding. She becomes less than human, preyed upon by outside pressures. Alcoholism had increased as a suburban problem. Women chased personal glamour, affairs, material goods. The historian James Hitchcock and others have ably demonstrated the spiritual malaise following World War II, as "self-reliance" more universally included a sense of independence from God in a culture whose people believed its achievements had come through solely human effort. The "very able woman," Friedan says, must "convince herself. She claims that women living in earlier times embraced the pioneer spirit and so felt their work to be part of a greater purpose than "just" housewifery, therefore engaging it willingly. Perhaps, but this takes no account of the centuries of onerous labor undertaken by women who were not pioneers. Certainly, housework today is less time-consuming and less onerous. This, according to Friedan, should free woman from the home and let her meet her full potential in work "of some importance to society and herself. You have to have some ultimate objective, some long-term goal to keep you going. Careers, she insists, will make women happy by giving them genuine purpose. She bases this on a flawed assumption: Changed lives By , 5 million copies of *The Feminine Mystique* had been sold, and in , Friedan wrote of the thousands of women who had told her, "Your book changed my life. But are these working women any happier than the s suburban housewives? According to Friedan, women were dissatisfied and lacked purpose because they did not use their intelligence in public affairs like business and government. It is true, as Friedan claims, that the woman who "lives for" her husband and children and house, who finds the meaning of her existence in their perfection, lives in a world bound to collapse. But this is the human problem, not a problem of oppressed womanhood: Home cannot fill that need but neither can the office. However we live, we must live for the One who created

us "to glorify Him and enjoy Him forever. This article reprinted with permission from Touchstone: Touchstone is a Christian journal, conservative in doctrine and eclectic in content, with editors and readers from each of the three great divisions of Christendom â€” Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox. The mission of the journal and its publisher, the Fellowship of St. James, is to provide a place where Christians of various backgrounds can speak with one another on the basis of shared belief and the fundamental doctrines of the faith as revealed in Holy Scripture and summarized in the ancient creeds of the Church. She and her husband have five children and eleven grandchildren and attend Grace Bible Church.

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Daze of Our Wives is fun and funny but always with a purpose. Tom Neven Editor, Focus on the Family magazine "I love to laugh, and Dave makes me laugh. I also love to be touched emotionally and inspired spiritually.