

# A good wife's guide from the 1950s

■ Have dinner ready. Plan ahead to have a delicious meal ready, on time for his return. This is a way of letting him know that you have been thinking about him. Most men are hungry when they come home and a good meal is part of the warm welcome needed.

■ Prepare yourself. Take 15 minutes to rest so you'll be refreshed when he arrives. Touch up your make-up, and be fresh-looking.

■ Be a little gay and a little more interesting for him. His boring day may need a lift.

■ Clear away the clutter. Make one last trip through the house before your husband arrives.

■ Gather up schoolbooks, toys, paper, etc. and then run a dust-cloth over the tables.

■ Over the cooler months of the year you should light a fire for him to unwind by. Your husband will feel he has reached a haven of rest.

■ Prepare the children. Take a few minutes to wash the children's hands and faces (if they are small), comb their hair and, if necessary, change their

clothes. At the time of his arrival, eliminate all noise of the washer, dryer and vacuum. Encourage the children to be quiet.

■ Be happy to see him.

■ Greet him with a warm smile and show sincerity in your desire to please him.

■ Listen to him. You may have a dozen important things to tell him, but the moment of his arrival is not the time. Let him talk first — remember, his topics of conversation are more important than yours.

■ Make the evening his. Never complain if he comes home late or goes out to dinner. Try to understand his world of strain and pressure and his need to be at home and relax.

■ Arrange his pillow and offer to take off his shoes.

■ Don't ask him questions about his actions. Remember, he is the master of the house and will always exercise his will with fairness.

■ A good wife always knows her place.

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