



### **The good wife's guide (adapted from a genuine 1955 Home economics Text Book):**

Have dinner ready. Plan ahead, even the night before, 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 and are concerned about his needs.

Prepare yourself. Take 15 minutes to rest so that you'll be refreshed when he arrives. Touch up your make up, put a ribbon in your hair and be fresh looking.

Be happy and interesting for him. His boring day may need a lift and one of your duties is to provide it.

Clear away the clutter. Make one last trip through the main part of the house just before your husband arrives.

Gather up schoolbooks, toys, paper etc and run a dishcloth over the tables.

Over the cooler months of the year you should prepare and light a fire for him to unwind by. Your husband will feel he has reached a haven of rest and order and it will give you a lift too. After all catering for his comfort will provide you with immense personal satisfaction.

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. They are little treasures and he would like to see them play their part. Minimise all noise. Eliminate the sounds 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. Let him talk first, 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 or other places of entertainment without you.

Don't greet him with complaints or problems

Don't complain if he is late home for dinner or even if he stays out all night. Count this as minor compared to what he has gone through that day.

Make him comfortable have him lean back in a comfortable chair. Have a cool or warm drink ready for him. Arrange his pillow and offer to take off his shoes. Speak in a low soothing pleasant voice.

Don't ask him questions about his actions or question his judgement or integrity. Remember, he is the master of the house and will always exercise his will with fairness and truthfulness. You have no right to question him. A good wife always knows her place.