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God's Blueprint For Husbands In Marriage #2

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God is calling people into a life of relationships not a life of conduct. Conduct is important, but God is not as concerned by our conduct as we are, He is more concerned about our relationship with Him. We are not at the place we would like to be, but we are not at the place where we were before Him. When we get our relationship right with Him, our conduct will fall into place.

Gen 2:18 " And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him." KJV

Gen 2:24 "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." KJV

These are the foundation scriptures used for the past teachings, v. 18 God realizing that man needed a help meet, someone who would be a support for him, they were able to function in the way that God had intended until sin came into their lives, v. 24 How the marriage should function after the husband and wife came together and that the spouse has priority over all other family members.

Today's teaching will be geared more toward the husbands responsibilities in the marriage relationship.

The families are extremely important to God as He delivered the children of Israel family by family. Today's families are under attack from the enemy and the family unit is almost a thing of the past, but God has not changed His plans for them. God's Word is the answer to everything that is needed for the family unit. God wants the families in order.

Pro 24:3-4 "Through skillful *and* godly Wisdom is a house (a life, a home, a family) built, and by understanding it is established [on a sound and good foundation], 4 And by knowledge shall its chambers [of every area] be filled with all precious and pleasant riches." AMP

Another foundation scripture given explains how the home should be built and that with wisdom and understanding and through knowledge it can be established on a sound and good foundation. Most marriages today do not understand God's ways; we must have revelation knowledge of His plan. Wisdom is knowledge acted

upon.

Men do not always understand what their roles as husbands coming into a marriage are; women on the other hand usually have a better idea.

Psychologists tell us that there is a love language which we all have and that if we can identify them it will make things a lot easier in building a relationship with our spouse. The languages are; quality time, receiving of gifts, affirmations, acts of service and touch.

Jesus told us that if we love Him, we will show Him by keeping His commandments. Not just saying that we love, but showing that we love by having actions. Love is an emotion but common sense is needed in order for love to grow.

There are four types of love; 1) God's love, unconditional and an act of the will, a choice, not associated with feelings 2) friendships, includes the relationship between husbands and wives, good communications and common interests 3) families, how love is expressed to children and to parents and 4) the sexual type

Ephesians 5 is called the marriage chapter of the Bible. There is a mystery concerning Christ and the church which we must have revelation on in order to understand that God is not looking at us for our conduct or works, but our relationship with Him.

Col 3:19 "Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them." KJV

Bitter means to be harsh, piercing and hurtful. This is sometimes a weakness of men and should not be.

Romans chapter 5 tells us that God's love is shed abroad in our hearts and how to allow love to flow out of us. Love is a learned process and works outwardly. It is easier learned in an atmosphere of peace.

There are principles needed in order for the marriage relationship to grow or flourish. Affection and acceptance versus works, an appreciation of the other person and needs have to be met; words need to be said.

Men need to tell their wives that they love them, before someone else does. Don't be disrespectful but watch what and how something is said. There are power words that need to be used. "I'm sorry" (only pride will keep this from being said), "your right, I'm wrong" and "I love you". These words will take care of a lot of mistakes, however, saying I'm sorry and then stomping off does not work but must be spoken with honesty and sincerity.

A handsome man attracts her, an intelligent man will interest her, a humorous man will amuse her, an attentive man will flatter her, a generous man will please her, an honest man will surprise her, but the thoughtful man is the one who wins her.

Women basically want 4 things from their husbands; 1) to have kindness and be compassionate, 2) be romantic or affectionate 3) a good father and 4) a good provider. Husbands need to be all these things to a wife.

Husbands must keep in mind what is involved with the wives daily activities, make sure that she is being allowed to have time for herself, either with other ladies, outside activities or her time being spent with God. Don't be selfish, but consider her, it will make for a better relationship between you and her.

1 Timothy 5:8 "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." KJV

1 Timothy 3:5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)" KJV

In order for the direction of the house to be followed, the husband must learn to hear the voice of God and follow His instruction. He should however, be open and accepting to any ideas or advice that his wife might have in order for harmony in the household. He is not to be a dictator. We know that Eve was deceived but Adam made a choice, not taking his place as the leader and consequently sin followed. Husbands must be loving leaders and protectors.

Communication sometimes becomes a debate, but hearing is an asset. The husband's greatest needs will be met if these principles are followed.