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## Gods Blueprint For Communication In Marriage #4

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It can sometimes be challenging to communicate the plans that God has for the families and the position of each; He has a blueprint that will have to follow in order for the family to operate as it should. Genesis chapter 2 tells us how God set up the order, where the priorities in the marriage should be placed and how each family was to operate in His order of things. The priorities are; God being in first place, the spouse second, the children followed by the job and everything else. If these principles are followed, there will be unity and harmony in the homes.

Blended families can sometimes cause problems and unless the guidelines are followed that God has set in motion, there can arise things that have to deal with. Selfishness cannot be allowed to take place in these situations and responsibilities have to be met.

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

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The three principles are; 1) wisdom 2) understanding and 3) knowledge. It will take all three of these to build a successful house. Wisdom is the correct application of the knowledge that we have. Understanding is revelation knowledge by the spirit of God.

Ephesians chapter 5 is the most extensive teaching on the marriage relationship either in the Old Testament or the New Testament. Timothy and Corinthians also have teaching on the challenges of marriage relationships.

Paul teaches in Ephesians 5 the importance of us knowing the relationship of Christ to the church, how Jesus loves us unconditionally and how the church is to submit back to Jesus, it is a progressive relationship. This is how the marriage relationship works as we learn the ways of God.

Men and women have different things that they are looking for in the marriage relationship and those things need to be addressed in order for the relationship to function as God intended. Husbands desire respect and honor, the wives job is to nourish, cherish and love him. The greatest desire for the wife is that her husband will be kind and compassionate, a good provider, romantic and affectionate.

Peter chapter 3 tells us how the wife is to respond if her husband is not a believer, how she will be able to win him over, but the way that she handles herself.

For a relationship to flourish there must be affection, acceptance and appreciation.

God said in chapter 2 of Genesis that it was not good for man to be alone. That is when He made a help meet for Adam, to help him achieve what God had planned for him. In chapter 31 of Proverbs, the woman described is the kind of woman that God had in mind for Adam. She was a godly woman not one given to being idle, she was hard to find.

The wives #1 priority or responsibility is to her spouse. Putting anything before the spouse will cause the relationship to deteriorate. Wise women build their homes, while a foolish woman will cause hers to fall down.

Pro 27:15-16 "A continual dripping on a day of violent showers and a contentious woman are alike; 16 Whoever attempts to restrain [a contentious woman] might as well try to stop the wind—his right hand encounters oil [and she slips through his fingers]." AMP

The woman mentioned here is usually in the minority.

How do we communicate? What does arguing do? Are little fires started because of words being spoken? Is it possible to communicate?

Communication cannot be based on wanting to be totally understood by the one speaking, which is selfishness, but successful communication seeks first to understand not be heard. We need to be listening emphatically with feeling, seeing and hearing the other person, not thinking about what our response will be to them. But by developing listening ears and hearts will our communication begin to be successful.

Statistics tell us that 10% of communication is done by what we say, 30% is by sounds, ie: grunts or groans, and 60% is body language, ie: slamming doors, stomping off. Words are a small part of communication, words plus body language equals actions. This can either be good or bad communication.

The five basic love languages will usually play a part of the communication process.

We cannot assume that people always understand what we are saying, because different words used. Example given of little boy being told not to go around the corner, after the third time of getting in trouble, the little boy asked what was a corner? We need to be sure that whoever we are communicating with understands the words being spoken to them.

Rom 15:5-7 "Now may the God Who gives the power of patient endurance (steadfastness) and Who supplies encouragement, grant you to live in such mutual harmony and such full sympathy with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, 6 That together you may [unanimously] with united hearts and one voice, praise and glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah). 7 Welcome and receive [to your hearts] one another, then, even as Christ has welcomed and received you, for the glory of God" AMP

Women must be careful not to destroy husbands by what they say. Don't be critical of what he might do or say, don't be pointing out his mistakes and faults to him. Build him up and love him. The communication in a marriage is a growing process. There can be no selfishness.

Rom 14:19 "So let us then definitely aim for and eagerly pursue what makes for harmony and for mutual upbuilding (edification and development) of one another." AMP

Being careful of the words that are spoken to each other will make for harmony, eagerly

pursued will make for peace in the relationship.

Eph 5:33 "However, let each man of you [without exception] love his wife as [being in a sense] his very own self; and let the wife see that she respects and reverences her husband [that she notices him, regards him, honors him, prefers him, venerates, and esteems him; and that she defers to him, praises him, and loves and admires him exceedingly]." AMP

If the wife is able to do what is described in verse 33, it is like a ministry to God. The husband and wife are laying up treasures in heaven. The wife is the husband's private cheering section, his personal cheerleader.

Pro 31:12 "She comforts, encourages, *and* does him only good as long as there is life within her." AMP

How can a wife do this? If she is being loved as Christ loves the church, it will release that ability in her.

If trust with either the husband or wife has been violated, forgiveness will have to take place, trust will have to be earned again, you will have to prove yourself, trust can be redeemed, but forgiveness will have to come first.

Seek those things that build up the relationship. Deal with those things that try to destroy the marriage. Unforgiveness, bitterness, words spoke in hate and hurt are like a cancer that destroy.

Husbands love your wives; wives honor and respect your husbands. Makes for an ideal marriage!