

THE BIBLICAL HOUSEHOLD – PART 17

COVENANT OF THANKSGIVING...Celebrate Jesus!

GENESIS 18:18-19

- The devil is not original in his approach and systems. God chose the approach of family to be fruitful, multiply, fill and replenish the earth. The enemy has copied the system as well.

STRATEGY 1: Every member in the family is an entry point. However, the fastest and most strategic approach to get a family to be long-term partners, customers, and investors is to control the head of the family.

LAST WEEK: Marriage is supposed to wipe out selfishness, and to support, serve and please each other.

- But we enter marriage expecting to be taken care of or to advance our personal agenda.
- If you are selfish and want to continue being selfish and about yourself, do not get married.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEETING THE NEEDS OF YOUR SPOUSE

SPIRIT (Christ) – *SOUL (will, mind, and emotion)* – *BODY (5 senses)*

THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT ONLY GOD CAN FULFILL but:

- Stay in your lane, do your job, Know the law, and pray a lot.
- Stop expecting from your spouse things that only God can supply – especially SPIRIT.
- Do not expect your spouse to be the HEALER of your past wounds. Jesus is still your Healer.

THE GOAL OF THE ABOVE:

- Remove the temptation of the enemy.
- Satisfy the soul so the spirit can thrive and be the focus. WILL IS STILL PERSONAL CHOICE.
- **The Soul and appetites of the Body are what is passed on to children.**

FOUR ways the devil does that:

1. The enemy DIRECTLY attacks man
2. The enemy offers the woman an invitation to be head.
3. The enemy attacks the UNION of the man and woman: marriage
4. **The enemy attacks the children to destroy them**

EPHESIANS 6:1-4

- The goal ultimately is to influence the head of the household to act contrary to the will of God, so that the training of the children follows the pipeline of the enemy:
 - Repeat trauma
 - Introduce fear
 - Despise authority
 - Cage their soul or recklessly endanger them
 - Misunderstand love: agape, phileo, eros.

PROVERBS 22:6

GENESIS 18:19

COLOSSIANS 3:21

2 TIMOTHY 1:5

- Another goal is to contaminate, destroy every seed of the woman so none will worship God and expand His kingdom to the nations.
 - Homosexuality
 - Abortion
 - Generational curses of incest and adultery
 - A distaste for the church and things of God – seeking to be free from the Life of God.
- Be aware of this strategy so you do not destroy the identity and destiny of the children.
 - Your children are not the devil. The devil is simply turning you against them.
 - Think of how God deals with you as His child and do the same.
 - Love always, correct firmly but gently. Always lead them to Jesus.

CONCLUSION:

- Marry wisely
- Men, you are responsible for the state of the family [regardless of what the wife does]. Rise up and take your place. STOP COMPLAINING AND DO YOUR JOB.
- Women, submit and pray like crazy
- Men, do not let your wives *out pray* you.
- Children, honor your parents.

PRAY AND ANOINT ALL THE CHILDREN

PSALM 55:12-14

- Our journey to a biblical household has:
 - Attracted the focus of the enemy – Authority, Obedience, and Understanding
 - Exposed many of our buried assumptions, expectations, and weaknesses
 - Stretched our capacity – nothing is more strenuous than tension with someone you love.

COMMUNION AND PRAYER FOR ALL

Start now – Build a Biblical Household.

- Discuss, pray, and worship with your families at least once this week – SUNDAY NIGHT
- Make your home a house of prayer for others: use your royalty to intercede for others.
- Adopt a missionary: give through the church toward their upkeep and pray for them earnestly as a family.