

Unity of Family

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THE FOUNDATION OF MARRIAGE: READ Genesis 2:22-24 “THEN THE LORD GOD MADE A WOMAN FROM THE RIB HE HAD TAKEN OUT OF THE MAN, AND HE BROUGHT HER TO THE MAN. THE MAN SAID, THIS IS NOW BONE OF MY BONE AND FLESH OF MY FLESH; SHE SHALL BE CALLED WOMAN, FOR SHE WAS TAKEN OUT OF MAN. THAT IS WHY A MAN LEAVES HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND IS UNITED.

THE TERM ONE FLESH MEANS THAT JUST AS OUR BODIES ARE ONE WHOLE ENTITY AND CANNOT BE DIVIDED INTO PIECES AND STILL BE WHOLE, SO GOD INTENDED IT TO BE WITH THE MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP. THERE ARE NO LONGER TWO ENTITIES BUT NOW THERE IS ONE ENTITY.

EMOTIONALLY THIS MEANS THAT THE NEW UNIT OR ENTITY TAKES PRECEDENCE OVER ALL PREVIOUS AND FUTURE RELATIONSHIPS. EMOTIONALLY, SPIRITUALLY, INTELLECTUALLY, FINANCIALLY, AND IN EVERY OTHER WAY THE COUPLE IS TO BECOME ONE.

PHYSICALLY THEY BECOME ONE FLESH AND THE RESULT OF THAT ONE FLESH IS FOUND IN THE CHILDREN THEIR UNION PRODUCES.

THE HUSBAND IS TO BECOME GLUED TO HIS WIFE AND THROUGHOUT THE MARRIAGE HE IS TO PURSUE HER.

IN AMOS 3:3 “ CAN TWO WALK TOGETHER UNLESS THEY HAVE AGREED TO DO SO?”

READ EPHESIANS 5: 22-33. THIS IS THE BLUEPRINT FOR A SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE THAT WILL PRODUCE UNITY.

THE ROLE OF THE WIFE IS TO SUBMIT TO HER HUSBAND AS SHE DOES UNTO THE LORD.

TRUE SUBMISSION IS NOT AGREEING ON EVERYTHING. SUBMISSION DOES NOT MEAN LEAVING YOUR BRAIN AT THE ALTAR. SUBMISSION DOES NOT MEAN YOU

DO NOT TRY TO INFLUENCE YOUR HUSBAND. SUBMISSION IS NOT PUTTING THE WILL OF THE HUSBAND BEFORE THE WILL OF CHRIST. SUBMISSION DOES NOT MEAN YOU GET ALL OF YOUR SPIRITUAL STRENGTH THROUGH YOUR HUSBAND. SUBMISSION DOES NOT MEAN LIVING OR ACTING IN FEAR.

THE GREEK WORD USED IS A MILITARY MEANING TO PUT ONESELF IN RANK UNDER ANOTHER PERSON. IT IMPLIES TAKING ON THE MIND-SET OF A SERVANT INSTEAD OF EXPECTING OTHERS TO CATER TO YOU.

TRUE SUBMISSION IS BORN OUT OF HONOR AND RESPECT FOR YOUR HUSBAND. I SUBMIT BECAUSE I WANT TO AND THE BENEFITS OF THAT SUBMISSION BRING UNITY IN OUR HOUSE.

THE WORD COMMANDS HUSBANDS TO LOVE THEIR WIVES AS CHRIST LOVED THE CHURCH.

HUSBANDS LOVING THEIR WIVES AS CHRIST LOVED THE CHURCH MEANS HUSBANDS LOVE YOUR WIVES SACRIFICALLY SO SHE CAN BECOME WHO GOD HAS CALLED HER TO BE. SACRIFICES ARE NOT JUST DOING ACTS OF KINDNESS FOR YOUR WIFE. WHAT IS THE MOTIVATION FOR WHAT YOU DO FOR YOUR WIFE. IS YOUR MOTIVATION TOTALLY OUT ON UNSELFISH LOVE AND PURELY IN WANTING HER TO BE ALL THAT GOD HAS CALLED HER TO BE.

IN EPHESIANS 6:1 CHILDREN ARE COMMANDED TO HONOR THEIR PARENTS SO THEIR DAYS WILL BE LONG. HONORING YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER IS BEING RESPECTFUL IN WORD AND ACTION AND HAVING AN INWARD ATTITUDE OF ESTEEM FOR THEIR POSITION.

THIS IS THE PATTERN THAT GOD SET OUT IN HIS WORD FOR THE FAMILY TO LIVE ACCORDING IN ORDER AND TO BE UNIFIED.

THE REASON FOR SO MANY DIVORCES AND UNHAPPINESS IN OUR MARRIAGES IS BECAUSE WE HAVE TRIED TO FOLLOW FORMULAS AND DO NATURAL THINGS TO PLEASE ONE ANOTHER INSTEAD OF FOLLOWING GOD'S PATTERN FOR SUCCESS AND UNITY.

SO WHAT WILL A FAMILY BEING IN ORDER AND UNIFIED PRODUCE?

1. A WIFE OF NOBLE CHARACTER. PROVERBS 12:4
2. IT WILL PRODUCE JOY IN THE FAMILY. PROVERBS 5: 18-19

3. YOU WILL RECEIVE GOOD AND FAVOR FROM THE LORD PROVERBS 18:22
4. IT WILL PRODUCE A BLAMELESS LIVE AND YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE BLESSED BECAUSE OF IT. PROVERBS 20: 6-7
5. IT WILL PRODUCE ONENESS MARK 10: 8
6. IT SOLIDIFIES A COVENANT BOND THAT CAN NOT BE BROKEN.

THESE ARE THE BENEFITS OF UNITY IN THE MARRIAGE. WHEN A HUSBAND IS IN HIS RIGHT PLACE AND THE WOMAN IS IN A POSITION OF RESPECT AND HONOR YOU WILL PRODUCE CHILDREN THAT WILL PERPETUATE THAT FROM YOUR GENERATION TO THE NEXT GENERATION.

LET'S GET UNIFIED IN OUR MARRIAGES SO THE ENEMY WON'T HAVE OPEN DOORS THAT WE HAVE OPEN FOR ATTACKS.