

Preparation for Godly Marriage Part 7

We continue in this message to speak about the preparation for Godly marriage:

XII. Man and woman need to understand that they are getting married in order to have a Godly family and not for the sake of the ministry: “24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.” (Genesis 2:24 KJV) This is one of the common pitfalls prevalent among Christian workers, that they will marry a believer to have a better and prosperous ministry. When this will be the focus of the husband and the wife, then both of them will be driven toward supporting the ministry, therefore, their time, effort, heart, and mind will be toward others and not toward one another. That is so dangerous, especially when their efforts in the ministry will not be fruitful; such unfruitfulness in the ministry will be reflected as frustration among their family; their failure or their discouragement in the ministry will be reflected as their failure in their marriage.

God never intended marriage this way. Those who desire to marry and have a family, need to be taught that the purpose of marriage is not to have a good or better ministry, but the purpose of marriage is to build up a Godly family and to raise Godly children. They needed to be taught about what it is written, “24 A man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.” (Genesis 2:24 KJV) As marriage supersedes the commitment of the man and woman toward their parents, in the same way their marriage supersedes their commitment toward the ministry. Such kind of training and discipline among workers are important to make them realize that their marriages and families are of greater value in the sight of God than their ministries.

According to the Scripture, man is the head of the wife, “3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.” (1 Corinthians 11:3 KJV), but no man or a woman is the head of the ministry or the church; Christ is the head of the church. “23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church; and he is the saviour of the body.” (Ephesians 5:23 KJV) Therefore married Christian workers, and the Christian workers who desire to marry need to focus on their families and marriages, for their family are their first responsibility that they should not keep aside nor let it be neglected because they are busy with their ministries.

XIII. Both husband and wife needs to be unashamed of one another after marriage: “25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.” (Genesis 2:25 KJV) After marriage being united and become one, they should not be ashamed of one another.

The principle that they should not meet each other before marriage is not observed now a day and is not respected. But this principle is ordained by God’s Word. * Intimacy and non-shamefulness from each other should not be accepted and practiced before marriage but after marriage. There is a blessing when we honor and abide by God’s Word principles. There are also sure troubles when we disobey and break these principles. * The main reason that people now a day, break this principle is on the basis that men and women should know each other before marriage. But to tell you the truth in such attitude and behavior we are trusting man and not God who is the one whom we should trust to choose the Godly partners and put them

together. * Most of the time when men and women meet each other before marriage to know each other, will hide from each other the things that they are ashamed of.

When man and woman will meet each other before marriage, they will also be tempted to explore the body of each other, and most of the time they fall into lust and sin. Now a day Genesis 2:25, “And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.” is practiced before marriage, even before any other requirements being achieved. Therefore, what is prevalent now is copulation before marriage, pregnancy before marriages, children without fathers, single mothers, and children without families. That is why God’s blessing will be far away from us if we will not abide by God’s firm discipline, and if we will not repent from such sin of trusting man and on ourselves rather than trusting God and obey Him to choose to us what is best. Our full trust in God and His Word is proved when we fully abide by the instructions of His Word.

Now a day the world had certain opinions and concepts that are non-Biblical and as the following:

A. Some belief in dating: That the man and woman should meet one another and sit alone in a private place and decide about their lives. If they agree then they go to marry and if not they will try another candidate.

B. Some belief in court, love, and marriage: Here the man would choose what he likes and the woman should agree with him then they will start to court and love one another, and later on will decide about marriage.

The above two practices of the world would increase the incidence of sex before marriage, and that contradicts the Word of God that teaches us God’s ways and will. The Bible tells us “2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.” (Romans 12:2 KJV) So if you want to follow God and enjoy his good, pleasing and perfect will, then no more following the pattern of this world by following the principle of dating, and the principle of court, love and marriage, or the principle of having girlfriend and boyfriend. But follow the Word of God and the ways of God.

The man and woman, their respective families, the church that they are part of, and the entire society, are all responsible and accountable before God and before one another to keep this important principle of marriage, that man and woman should not meet and know each other before marriage. The value of this principle is that will eliminate any human input in choosing the right partner, as well as it will not allow the man and woman to be united before the appointed time of marriage.

The Bible does not agree and speaks about dating and courting. From the life of Adam’s marriage with Eve, Isaac’s marriage and Rebekah, and the marriage of Jacob and Leah there was neither dating nor courting nor love between them. The Word of God does not ordain man and woman should meet before their marriage. They may know whom they are going to marry but not to meet and be in private before the day of the wedding.

XIV. Both husband and wife need to understand the kinds of love should be between them after marriage: “25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not

ashamed.” (Genesis 2:25 KJV) When we speak about the love between the husband and his wife, we should be aware of the kinds of love the Bible speaks, and that should be what is between the husband and his wife. The Bible speaks about the following kinds of love:

A. Agapao: The meaning of this Greek Word is to love the person, to welcome, to entertain, to be fond of, to love dearly, to love daily, to be well pleased with, or to be contented with. An example of such love pertains to our topic we can read here: *“25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;” (Ephesians 5:25 KJV)* Christ expressed His love for the church by giving her His own body. Christ gave His body as a ransom for us from our sins. He gave His body sacrificially and unconditionally, and such love is inspiring to men of how they ought to love their wives, *“28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.” (Ephesians 5:28 KJV)*

B. Phileo: The meaning of this Greek Word is to love, to approve, to like, to sanction, to treat affectionately or kindly, to welcome, to befriend, to show signs of love, to kiss, to be fond of doing good, or to be used to do good to the person whom you love. An example of this kind of love in pertains to our topic we can read here: *“15 So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. 16 He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. 17 He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.” (John 21:15-17 KJV)*

C. Philandros: This Greek Word is for the wife to be a loving wife toward her husband and it is mentioned once only in Titus, *“4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children.” (Titus 2:4 KJV)*

D. Ahaba or Ahab: The meaning of this Hebrew Word is a human love for human, a love between man and woman, or a sexual desire. It also includes God’s love for man. Examples of this kind of love in pertains to our topic we can read here:

1. The love of Isaac to Rebekah: *“67 And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.” (Genesis 24:67 KJV)*

2. The love of Jacob to Rachel: *“18 And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter.” (Genesis 29:18 KJV) “20 And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her.” (Genesis 29:20 KJV)*

3. The love of Michal to David: *“20 And Michal Saul's daughter loved David: and they told Saul, and the thing pleased him.” (1 Samuel 18:20 KJV)*

4. The love of God’s people toward Him: *“1 By night on my bed I sought him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not. 2 I will rise now, and go about the city in the streets, and in the broad ways I will seek him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I*

found him not.3 The watchmen that go about the city found me: to whom I said, Saw ye him whom my soul loveth? 4 It was but a little that I passed from them, but I found him whom my soul loveth: I held him, and would not let him go, until I had brought him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her that conceived me.” (Song of Solomon 3:1-4 KJV)

After the wedding, the man and woman would have the first copulation in the marriage use of bed that they will be united as man and woman in their bodies. Although the rapture of the hymen of the woman may be preceded with fear, and accompanied with pain concerning their first time copulation, otherwise, their first experience should be an enjoyable experience and should be accompanied with joy and rejoicing. The Scripture speaks about the man to be over his wife, as we can read here, *“5 For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.” (Isaiah 62:5 KJV)* So here the bridegroom is over his bride. Job said the following about the same matter: *“9 If mine heart have been deceived by a woman, or if I have laid wait at my neighbour's door; 10 Then let my wife grind unto another, and let others bow down upon her.” (Job 31:9-10 KJV)* He said if he had made a felony with women then let his wife be under another man, and other men bow down upon her. In such, he was describing copulation that the man will bow down over the woman that lay down under him.

The first experience needed to be preceded with foreplay to lubricate the organs of the man and woman with the natural body secretions to make it less painful to the woman and enjoyable to both of them. At certain times due to the tightness of the female organ, they may need to use lubricant or gel to make it smooth and painless during penetration until the female organ is well adjusted with the new marital life and the marriage use of bed.

The married husband and wife should not be ashamed of one another, *“25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.” (Genesis 2:25 KJV)* Regular marriage use of bed or copulation is to satisfy one another and is considered a kindful act of benevolence between them. *“3 Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. 4 The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife.” (1 Corinthians 7:3-4 KJV)* That should be their dutiful joy toward one another.

My Dear and Beloved: Come now to God and review and apply the message in your life:

- The purpose of your marriage is to have a Godly family and to raise Godly children and not for the sake of ministry.
- Intimacy and non-shamefulness to each other should not be accepted and practiced by the man and the woman before marriage but after marriage.
- Man and woman should know each other after marriage and not before marriage.
- You need to repent from such sin of trusting man and trusting yourself, and you need to trust God and obey Him that He will choose to you your partner in marriage.
- Dating, courting, boyfriend and girlfriend are worldly practices and they are not in the Bible. They may cause temptations and fall into sin.
- You should know the Biblical kinds of love between husband and wife as explained in the message to apply them in your family life.

- The married husband and wife should not be ashamed of one another; the regular use of the marriage bed or copulation is to satisfy one another and is considered a kindful act of benevolence between them, and that should be their dutiful joy toward one another.

Let us pray ...

My Prayer: *Father God, I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for the teaching that showed me your ways in marriage and forming families. Lord thank you for the corrections and the admonishments that I received in this message.*

Now come to God and confess and renounce all your sins. Confess and renounce your wrong purpose in marriage to have a better ministry. Confess and renounce the non Biblical practices of dating, courting, boyfriend and girlfriend. Confess and renounce your lack of faith and the full trust on God that He will be the one to bring the right partner for marriage. Confess your lack of the fruit of the Holy Spirit, love, joy, peace, gentleness, kindness, humility, patience and self-control. Confess and renounce doing your own will and plan and not the will nor the plan of God in pertains to marriage. Confess your lack of reading God's Word and your lack of prayers, Confess and renounce your bad example and your non willingness to serve God and suffer for Him. Confess and renounce your yoke with non believers, having many friends and in bondage with the Media. Lord forgive me, I repent of the following sins _____.

Lord I commit myself to go along the teaching that I received in this message in pertains to marriage. Lord I commit myself to renounce the non Biblical practices of dating, courting, boyfriend and girlfriend. Lord I put my full trust on you and not on people in pertains to choose the partner of marriage. Lord I surrender my life and my will into your hand to lead me in the good plan that you have for me and in your ways.

Lord thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who surrendered their lives into your hand. Lord lead them step by step into the good plan that you have for them. Lord bless the works of their hands and let their testimonies be good example to others to follow you. Lord give them more of the fruit of the Holy Spirit so people will see Jesus in their lives. Lord provide their needs and help them in their lives so they will continue to serve you.

Lord, bless us as your church, and aid us to continue to teach your Word and commands and to implement the teaching of preparation for Godly marriage in the life of our families, children, disciples and workers, and we pray for more Godly marriages and families to be formed in our church. Lord refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts that we need to go and evangelize reaching new people, making new disciples and training new workers to plant new Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord we pray for more people to be water baptized and receive the Holy Spirit baptism. Lord prepare us for your second coming to be ready when you come to take us. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.' Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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