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MARRIAGE PART 30 - OPERATING IN YOUR STRENGTHS

This is the final part in this series of the Marriage Covenant between God and His people, and the Marriage Covenant we have with one another as a husband and wife. For the final part we are going to look at 'operating from your strengths to accomplish the functional tasks'.

Once again depending upon your upbringing and what you have seen modelled, you may have been raised in a very traditional home, where the husband took care of certain things and the wife took care of certain things, regardless of whether each one had the skill set to achieve these tasks.

I want to suggest to us a slightly different approach and one I believe that is more effective and conducive to producing a healthy and well-rounded significant marriage. I want to suggest that the functioning roles that the husband and wife undertake are achieved from their natural abilities or strengths and also their spiritual giftings if this is appropriate.

This reinforces the couple being one person as opposed to remaining two separate individuals within the relationship.

In the area of spiritual gifts this is how the kingdom of God operates, so why not take this incredible design and look to apply it within the context of our physical marriages when it comes to accomplishing physical or natural tasks.

Romans 12:6-8 "Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness."

Ephesians 4:15-16 "but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love."

In the last two parts we looked at finance and the need to not have finance control us or be in bondage to money. If the wife is great in the area of finance and dealing with everything associated with finance, then let the wife be the one who takes care of the finances in relation to the home.

If the husband has certain skills around organisation and making sure things in the home are being achieved as they should be then let the husband take the lead in these areas. The organisation of planning and forward thinking in relation to kids and events and times away, is best suited to the one

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who has natural skills and abilities in these areas.

I would encourage us to break away from the traditional earthly male and female perceived roles when it comes to achieving functional tasks, and assign the tasks based on each person's skill sets. If neither has certain skill sets in certain areas then it's about the dialogue around this and coming up with a solution so these things also get accomplished and not forgotten about.

For this to become a reality, some of us will need to leave our egos behind, not allowing any pride, that may still be living in us, to get in the way of the bigger picture. Remember it's not about you and what you want, it is about the health, vitality and oneness of your marriage covenant.

It's important to note I am talking about the natural earthly tasks and not the spiritual roles which God would have us lay hold of as a husband or wife.

QUESTIONS

1. What benefits are there to the marriage if each person gets to operate in their areas of strength when accomplishing certain tasks?
2. Why can a more traditional model of who does what become quite limiting and not produce the greatest results?
3. Why is it so important not to get the spiritual roles and the practical roles in a marriage confused?

My prayer is you will receive the life which is contained within this kingdom resource, and you will allow this life to shape the life within you, so you will be able to live out what we have discussed and have the most significant Covenant with God and one another.

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