

## Marriage - Part 2

### I. Review

#### A. Core elements of Happy Marriage

1. Respect
2. Trust
3. Common goal/vision
4. Valuation of God

#### B. If unhappy marriage then one or all elements are missing or lacking

#### C. We control only ourselves

1. Don't hang destiny on what you can't control - focus on what you can

#### D. Look at each element in light of what you can do

#### E. Discussed valuation of God

1. Your valuation of God

### II. God must be properly valued

#### A. You choose your valuation of God

1. Know your valuation by your fruit
  - a) Fruit assessment form.

#### B. What can you do if your husband does not have proper valuation of God

##### 1. Pray

***Philippians 4:6-7***, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

***1 John 5:16***, "If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and God will give him life ..."

## 2. Do warfare

**2 Corinthians 10:3-5**, “For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup> For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. <sup>5</sup> We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ.”

**Ephesians 6:11-12**, “Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”

### **Armor as listed in Ephesians 6:13-18**

1. Belt of truth
2. Breastplate of righteousness
3. Gospel of peace
4. Shield of faith
5. Helmet of Salvation
6. Sword of the Spirit - Word of God
7. Prayer

#### **a) Four main elements of spiritual warfare**

- (1) Know truth
- (2) Submit
- (3) Resist
- (4) Wait on the Lord

## 3. Speak Word

- a) Bless your husband, relationship - **remember brother 1st, husband 2nd**

**Proverbs 18:20**, “From the fruit of a man's mouth his stomach is satisfied; he is satisfied by the yield of his lips.”

**Proverbs 12:14**, “From the fruit of his mouth a man is satisfied with good, and the work of a man's hand comes back to him.”

**Proverbs 13:2**, “From the fruit of his mouth a man eats what is good, but the desire of the treacherous is for violence.”

**2 Corinthians 4:13**, “Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we also believe, and so we also speak”

**James 3:8-10**, “But no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup> With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup> From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.”

**Luke 6:28**, “Bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.”

**Romans 12:14**, “Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.”

**1 Peter 3:9**, “Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.”

#### 4. Live example

**1 Peter 3:1-4**, “Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, <sup>2</sup> when they see your respectful and pure conduct. <sup>3</sup> Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear— <sup>4</sup> but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious.”

**Galatians 6:6-5**, “Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. <sup>2</sup> Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. <sup>4</sup> But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. <sup>5</sup>For each will have to bear his own load.”

**1 Peter 2:12**, “Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.”

**Titus 2:6-8**, *“Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled. <sup>7</sup> Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, <sup>8</sup> and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.”*

**1 Peter 3:15**, *“But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect”*

### III. Respect

#### A. Definition

1. Esteem for or a sense of the worth or excellence of a person, a personal quality or ability, or something considered as a manifestation of a personal quality or ability
2. Deference to a right, privilege, privileged position, or someone or something considered to have certain rights or privileges; proper acceptance or courtesy; acknowledgment: respect for a suspect's right to counsel; to show respect for the flag; respect for the elderly.
3. The condition of being esteemed or honored: to be held in respect.

#### B. We all want to be respected.

1. Receiving vs. Giving
  - a) Double standard
  - b) All believe entitled to receive
  - c) All feel must be earned when giving

#### C. Feeling vs. Action

1. We cannot control feelings of respect
2. We can control actions of respect

#### D. Respect = handling situation in truth and love

1. When we are not honest or are honest but hateful = disrespect

**Psalm 52:3 (NIV)**, *“You love evil rather than good, falsehood rather than speaking the truth.”*

**1 Corinthians 13:6** (NIV), "Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth."

**1 John 3:18**, "Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth."

**Ephesians 4:15**, "Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ."

E. We cannot respect everyone, but we can treat everyone respectfully.

1. Where our husbands are worthy of respect = respect them
2. Where our husbands are not worthy of respect = respect their position under God

**Ephesians 5:33**, "However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband."

**1 Thessalonians 5:12**, "We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you"

F. Focus on being a woman worthy of respect.

**1 Timothy 3:11** (NIV), "In the same way, the women are to be worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything."

G. Our choice to respect our husbands is rooted in our choice to respect God and His Word

1. Will we trust God.
2. Example - David in dealing with Saul
  - a) David respected God, thus he behaved respectfully toward Saul

IV. In conclusion of today's lesson

A. Let's be more concerned about giving respect than receiving respect

**Romans 13:7**, "Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed."

**1 Peter 2:17**, "Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor."

**Galatians 6:7**, "Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap."