

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

II. Common Goals/Visions

A. Perfect world

1. Husband sets the goals for the family - wife fully supports - kids submit
2. When this happens = healthy family

B. Husband's job is to set goals and visions for family

1. Does not mean wife can't have goals and visions
2. But in the right order wife's goals will not contradict husbands - compliment

C. Because this is the case = Satan attacks this area

D. Very few families are operating in right order

E. Out of order in varying degrees and in varying ways

1. Crown syndrome
2. Upside down crown syndrome
3. What's a Crown? Syndrome
4. And varying mixtures

F. This creates very different challenges for wives in these different situations

G. What's a girl to do?

1. Pray
2. Speak the truth in love
3. Trust and wait
 - a) Don't get bitter, make the best out of it
 - b) Recognize that it is what it is until God changes him

(1) You can endure with grace or endure with bitterness

- c) Remember God's promises

Galatians 6:9, "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Psalms 121:3-5, "He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. ⁴Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. ⁵ The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand."

H. What about situation where you hate his plan -

1. Dumbest thing you've ever heard.
2. Rooted in self - not what is best for your family

I. Understand God's order and the original purpose of wife

Genesis 2:18, "Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."

Ephesians 5:22 , "Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord."

1. Once again
 - a) pray
 - b) speak truth in love
 - c) trust God
2. Ex. Jeremiah 43:1-7
3. Your husband doesn't control your destiny
 - a) Abigail 1 Samuel 25

J. Trust God!