

“The Kingdom Pattern for Marriage” Part 3

Genesis 2 and 3; Ephesians 5:21-33

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Introduction: When it comes to marriage, each person must give their all to make the relationship work. So often couples bail as soon as things get a bit tough. That is not commitment. Commitment is staying even during the hard times. It's about choosing every part of someone, both the good and the challenging. Marriage is about being all in, ready to handle everything as a team. It involves discipline, real talk when things get rough, and not simply walking away. Need some space? That's okay. It means you care from a distance, but are ready to help when needed. It's not about giving up, cheating, or making harsh judgements. It's about respect and support. Commitment is not just a feeling; it's a conscious choice.

“Submission” Part 2

Submission is also a word where we get the words submarine and umbrella from. In addition, it means to go under. God has given men a capacity and responsibility that He hasn't given to women. God gave every man the capacity of handling the rain. The husband is the umbrella that the woman stands under for her protection, that is true submission. God made women to hold up that which handles the rain. The umbrella provides shade and protection from the sun and rain. It ensures that what's under it is not touched. Women you are the vessel, not weaker, because the man shored up, and held down by you! Submission doesn't make you weak, it means you are part of a machine that is needed to function. Submit one to another, and note that these submissions are different, because the wife is submitted to her husband, who is submitted to Christ. Submission is safety for a wife.

“The 3 Biggest Relationship Red Flags No One Talks About”

1. When person tells another that they are everything to them, and that they complete them; that they are the one they've been looking for their entire life; and that there is no one like them – they are basically love bombing that person, and that is a huge red flag, why? Because what it means is that they are basically looking for another human being to do for them that which only God can do for them. No person can fill a God sized hole in another's heart. Nobody can be another's entire source of meaning and purpose in life. Be careful of partnering with an individual who makes everything about them.
2. Pay attention to how a person speaks about their ex. If they bash that person, or talk about them being crazy, and or stupid, you run. Nobody should speak disrespectfully about anybody, but in particular with someone they had an intimate relationship with. Even if it was a painful or abusive relationship, any conversation regarding the past

should be empathetic, or even if there is sadness, there should not be scorn, contempt or hate like an enemy, why? Because everyone will realize at some point in the relationship, that they are not an exception to the rule. That same love that took a turn with the Ex, will take a turn with in the new relationship.

3. They're not on a mission from God! What I mean by that is, if you ask them for the purpose of their life, why they're here; and they don't have an answer, or a vision, even a thought of something they are trying to achieve in life, you should run! Why? Because we're talking about someone who is floating through life, and they're going to use their intimate relationship to distract themselves from the existential void that is left by not having a strong sense of purpose. Stay away from that kind of person.

“What does the Bible say about a wife who treats her husband poorly?”

The Bible emphasizes love, respect, and honor in marriage. When a woman mistreats her husband, whether through disrespect, neglect, harsh words or dishonor, she's not only damaging her marriage, but also going against God's design for a godly wife.

1. Respect and Honor. *Ephesians 5:33*
God commands wives to respect their husbands. A wife who constantly belittles, ignores, or dishonors her husband is acting in opposition to this biblical principle.
2. Building up, not tearing down. *Proverbs 14:1*
A wife has the power to strengthen or destroy her home. Her attitude, words, and actions can either uplift or break her husband.
3. A quarrelsome wife. *Proverbs 21:9*
When a wife is constantly argumentative, nagging, unkind or physical (throwing hands), she creates an unbearable atmosphere in her home. One of the most striking examples is Michal, the wife of King David (*2 Samuel 6:16-23*). Instead of supporting or celebrating with him, she mocked and criticized him. David responded, making it clear that his actions were before The Lord, not for human approval.

As a consequence of her attitude, Michal remained childless for the rest of her life. A symbol of barrenness not just physically, but also in her relationship with David. Michal's mistake was allowing pride and personal perception to override respect for her husband. She focused on appearance rather than on the heart of worship, which the man of God has chosen.

A wife's attitude toward her husband is a reflection of her heart towards God. When she honors her husband, she honors The Lord. A Godly wife in marriage is not someone who has it all figured out. She's someone who constantly seeks God's guidance, loves intentionally, and gives to make her marriage a reflection of God's love and image.