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God's blessing plan for marriage and the Church

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The institution of marriage was established by God in the beginning, before he established his plan for Christ and the Church.

Therefore, it is important for us as ministers not to put the ministry before our spouses and children. Those that do will have the wrong priorities and are out of line with the Word of God.

Sadly, many ministers, namely in the United States, have had their marriages shipwrecked, for reason of many years of neglect in properly nurturing of and caring for their families.

Yet, if we follow the priorities and instructions of the Word of God we would be greatly blessed, and the testimony of the called out bride of Christ would not suffer ridicule.

God has a plan and an order that he has established which will always work if fully implemented.

The order of God in the family is that the husband takes the roll of Christ. **"Husbands love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it"** (Ephesians 5:25), and that the wife takes the roll of the Church.

The husband is to love his wife as Christ loved the Church and gave himself for her, and the wife is to honor and respect her husband. **Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.** (Ephesians 5:22)

This will solve 99% of all marriage problems, since love and good communication are the main things that make the marriage work; moreover, it brings heaven to earth.

When we look at the Hebrew word for husband אִישׁ (ish) and the Hebrew word for wife אִשָּׁה (isha), we find that the Hebrew words by their spelling reveal the two main letters in God's name יהוה, and therefore speaks of his presence.

However, if we remove the jod (from the man) and the hey (from the woman) that we also find in God's name יהוה, we will derive at another word אֵשׁ (esh) which means fire.

The revelation from the Hebrew language is that without God's presence in the marriage, there will be two selfish individuals that will be like two consuming fires, and this will not lead to heaven on earth but rather hell on earth, and in many cases, to divorce.

So, let us endeavor to build our marriages on the rock of the word of God, each spouse taking his and her position of responsibility before God, and we will indeed see that the institution of marriage brings heaven to earth and help to establish strong churches with strong families.

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