

Setting Things

in Order

Titus 1:5

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Chaos goes against Who God is!

1 Corinthians 14:33; "for God is NOT a God of confusion but of peace...." Therefore the angels who "abandoned their proper abode..." were cast in eternal bonds under darkness for judgment. (Jude 1:6)

For this reason Scripture says everything is to be done in order! 1 Corinthians 14:40; "Let all things be done properly & in an orderly manner.

Order speaks to position, timing, manners, roles, boundaries, responsibility and many other things. Romans 1:24-32 reminds us that when God's natural order is suppressed & rejected, man finds dishonor & degradation.

Paul knew when he sent Titus to the rebellious & disorderly (I.e., Titus 1:10-12) who were upsetting whole families that Titus must "set in order" what remained. (Note: Titus 1:5) Disorder tears apart families & relationships!

Bottom Line: Disorderly conduct is a form of treachery & is in direct opposition to love!

Plainly stated, Love cannot exist or thrive in disorder as Paul clearly demonstrates in 1 Corinthians and Christ declares in Matthew 24:12, ... when disorder increases love decreases!

THE DIVINE ORDER OF ATTRACTION

● What is attractive in women? Behavior that is chaste and respectful having a gentle & quiet spirit (Note: this is described as adornment) 1 Peter 3:2,4 - A man will be more attracted & respond better to speech that is gracious. "A gracious woman attains honor (or worth)" Proverbs 11:16

● What is appealing in a man is when he lives in such a way that his wife feels cherished & understood by him. 1 Peter 3:7 - A woman will be more attracted & respond to speech that is kind and understanding. "What is desirable in a man is his kindness." Proverbs 19:22

[What is clear by Scripture is that that which is attractive in a woman is not necessarily appealing in a man and vice versa.]

-----Women-----

A woman, therefore, who seeks the favor of her husband will be discreet, not only with what she says but when and how she says it. "As a ring of gold in a swine's snout, so is a beautiful woman who lacks discretion." Proverbs 11:22 (In other words, how unattractive she is)

Proverbs 15:23; Remember, women, a man "has joy in an apt answer & finds delight in a timely word." Proverbs 25:11 & 12 will describe jewelry which appeals to a man this way, "Like apples of gold in settings of silver is a word spoken in right circumstances, like an earring of gold & an ornament of fine gold is a wise reprovener to a listening ear." The opposite then would be Proverbs 9:13 "the woman of folly is boisterous, she is naïve & understands nothing"- so much for stupidity in a woman being attractive.

Scripture never says that a woman is to say nothing to her husband about matters in which he might be helped (she is his

helpmate). It does however speak very strongly to the way in which she presents herself. If done right, he is helped & finds her more attractive because of it! Proverbs 27:9 is better understood in the King James with the point being that as "ointment & perfume rejoice the heart," so is the sweet counsel that comes from his companion.

----- Men-----

Men, on the other hand, who desire to strengthen their relationships with their wives will show themselves engaged and insightful toward them.

Proverbs 12:8; "A man will be praised according to his insight." It is important for men to remember that nothing productive comes from making fun of or belittling their wives in a condescending way. Proverbs 14:6; "A scoffer seeks wisdom & finds none but knowledge (discernment) is easy to him who has understanding." Take for example this verse in Proverbs 14:13; "even in laughter the heart may be in pain & the end of joy may be grief." This reveals deeper issues. The phrase, I just want her to be happy is a good wish yet we know true happiness is seldom found immediately... a quick fix may not be the answer... dig deeper... "A plan in the heart is like deep water, but a man of understanding draws it out." (Proverbs 20:5) A wise man sees the life saving value in going the distance to understand. In doing so "A man's discretion will make him slow to anger, & it is his glory to overlook a transgression" (Proverbs 19:11)

Since he is quick to listen & slow to speak, an understanding husband will ponder how to answer & refuse to blurt out injurious words or the 1st thing that comes to his mind. (James 1:19,20; Proverbs 15:28)

Nothing will be more attractive than an understanding husband.

THE DIVINE ORDER OF PEACE & STABILITY

Men Want Peace

Women Need

Stability

For a man "it is better to live in a corner of the roof than in a house shared with a contentious woman." Proverbs 25:24 It is

"Better to have a dish of vegetables where love is than a fattened ox & hatred with it." Proverbs 15:17

Women: Do what you can to make home a place where your husband wants to be. Create, to the best of your ability, an atmosphere that is peaceful & tranquil. Remember, "By knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious & pleasant riches." Proverbs 24:4

How? ● Fill the home with praise & thanksgiving. (Philippians 4:4-7). God's peace will guard your heart & home. ● Direct the conversations in the home to good, pleasant & encouraging things and the God of peace will be with you. (Philippians 4:8,9)

For a woman stability & security is that which brings the most comfort (although the wicked woman will try to find it through materialism- Proverbs 6:26)

Men: You must know what is right according to God's standards before any stability can be established. Proverbs 12:3 is clear when it says... "A man will not be established by wickedness but the root of the righteous will not be moved." *Your opinions, personal philosophies, imaginative solutions will not create stability in your home!* Only in the fear of the Lord is there strong confidence & a refuge for your family. (Proverbs 14:26)

How? ● For a ruler, stability is established through just, fair, & right decisions; not decisions that will personally benefit himself but will help all! (Proverbs 29:4) ● By dealing with those he is responsible for with truth & consistent reliability.

(Proverbs 29:14) God will hold you accountable & no one else for the way your home is managed (1 Timothy 3:4,5). Were you faithful to give what was needed at the proper time? Did you demonstrate good sense (I.e., Divine wisdom)? These are the things God will require of you! (Matthew 24:45-51)

THE DIVINE ORDER OF GROWTH

● Be right with God & your house will flourish without sorrow! "The house of the wicked will be destroyed, but the tent of the upright will flourish" Proverbs 14:11

● Pursue the right things! What you pursue is what you will grow in. "He who pursues righteousness & loyalty finds life, righteousness & honor." Proverbs 21:21

Remember:

Hope anchored in the right things will always bring good things. Proverbs 10:28

● Love grows where hope abounds. Something to look forward to is essential to growth.... Nothing will stifle a relationship faster than hopelessness. Your selfish endeavors give nothing for your spouse to look forward to.

Practical:

● Going your way--- doing your thing is growth suicide! Proverbs 18:1 *People don't fall out of love, they jump!*

● Love grows where transgressions are covered. Proverbs 17:9

● Love grows where faithfulness is practiced. Proverbs 28:2