

Relational Renovation “Beauty out of Brokenness”

Is. 61:1-3; Ro. 12:1,2

Guided Growth with Pastor Keith @ CBC Sunday March 1st

Introduction: Man’s Problem (*Gen. 2:18a*) God’s Provision (*Gen. 2:18b*) Satan’s Program (*Gen. 3:1-13*) (*Separation, Deception, Temptation & Division*) God’s Plan (*Redemption Gen. 3:14-21*)

God’s Part: *Designer, Developer, and Sustainer* of our marriages. (*Mal. 2:14,15; Ro. 8:28; Col 1:16,17*)

We’re all influenced (infected) in various degrees by Satan, Society, and own Self interests.

These all tend to pull us away from God’s Blueprints (design) and His corresponding Blessings.

(*Jn 10:10; 2 Cor 4:4; James 4:1-101 Jn 2:15,16*) God’s Commands act as a type of “authoritative

prescription” to: *Guard us* {Direction} *Ps. 119:105; Guide us* {Protection} *Ps 119:9*; and to *Grow us*

{Nutrition} *Ps. 19:7-11*. That’s why Rom. 12:1,2 command us *“Be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind that ye might prove what is that good, acceptable, and perfect will of God”*

Relational Renovation: The Woman’s Roles

Eph. 5:21-24,33; Col. 3:18; Titus 2:4-5; 1 Pt 3:1-6

Titus 2:3-5 commands Pastors to challenge older women to instruct the young women how to understand & fulfil their God given roles and responsibilities in marriage.

COMPANIONSHIP Mal. 2:14 “*she thy companion*”

1. The Meaning of Companionship:

A. Websters: “one of a pair of intended to complement or match each other.” (*Gen. 2:18*)

B. Hebrew: *haber’et*: “Knit together”

1) It comes from *hābar* meaning: to join, fascinate and *charm*.

2) Charm is defined as “the quality of giving delight and admiration.”

2. The Mandate Of Companionship

A. God created the woman for this! (*Gen. 2:18; 1 Cor 11:9*)

1) Pursuing our responsibilities produces:

a) God’s *Favor* (Blessing) *Gen. 1:22*

b) Our *Fulfilment*. *Rev. 4:11*

2) Focusing on our personal “Rights” results in

a) Manipulation

b) *Frustration!*

3. The Measure Of Companionship *It encompasses our:*

A. *Affections* Titus 2:4,5 “*Teach them to Love their husbands*” *phil’adros*: fond of, affectionate

1) It’s not necessarily sensual, but it is inherently *sensible!*

“to Love their children” (*philo’teknos*)

B. *Actions* Titus 2:4,5 “*Teach them to be:*

1) “sober (*sōphroniz’ō*: self disciplined)

2) discreet (*sophron*: self controlled),

3) chaste (from *hagios*: holy, modest, clean)

4) Keepers at home (*oikourgos’*: *guardians* of the home (domestically inclined.)

C. Attitude Titus 2:4,5 “Teach them to be:

1) “*good*” (agathos: beneficial)

2) “*obedient* (hypotassō: subordinate) *to their own husbands*”

Eph. 5:22, Col. 3:18 “*wives, submit yourselves to your husbands..*” (hypotassō: subordinate)

a) The curse of Sin complicates this.

(1) The Man was cursed with difficult, frustrating Work! Gen. 3:17 “*Because thou hast hearkened to the voice of thy wife, ... cursed is the ground for thy sake. in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; thorns and thistles shall it bring forth...*”

(2) Notice the Woman’s Curse: Vs 16

➤ Frustration in Childbirth/rearing: “*in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children;*”

➤ Frustration in Relational Control. “*and thy desire shall be to thy husband,*

(teshûqâ’: reaching out, to overflow or control)

and he shall rule (mashal: govern) over thee.”

Note: God used this same phrase to warn Cain about Satan! See Gen. 4:7

But what if the husband isn’t doing his part!?!?!? 1 Peter 3:1

“*Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation (anastrophe’: behavior) of the wives;*

vs 2 *While they behold your chaste conversation (holy behavior) coupled with fear.*” (phobos: reverence)

Eph. 5:33 “*the wife, see that she reverence (phobeo, from phobos) her husbands*”

Women are commanded to Reverence (deeply respect) their husbands, because of their (the wife’s) deep reverence for God!

Conclusion: True Companionship involves our:

1) Affections: “*Love their husbands*”

2) Actions: “*sober, discreet, chaste, keepers (guardians) at home*”

3) Attitudes: “*Good, obedient...*”

“*that the word of God be not blasphemed*” (Titus 2:4,5)

“*This is a great mystery, But I speak concerning Christ and the church*” Eph. 5:32

Pr 18:22 “*Whoso finds a wife finds a good thing, (Tôb: precious) and obtains favor (delight!) of the LORD.*”

No wonder God tells men (1 Peter 3:7) to “*dwell with your wives according to knowledge, giving honor unto them... as heirs together...*”

Application:

This morning we’ve examined only one of the many biblical roles of the wife. Biblical Companionship involves our:

1) Affections: 2) Actions: 3) Attitudes:

Which of these may need some renovating in your life to bring them up to God’s “codes”?

Isaiah 64:8 “*O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; we all are the work of thy hand.*”

Will you let Him Shape your Affections... Actions... Attitudes?

