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Sunday Word

WORD FOR THE WORLD

Family Matters

PART 2 WHAT A MAN NEEDS

Genesis 2:15-18 - ¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die." ¹⁸ The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." (NIV)

WHAT A MAN NEEDS

A. PRESENCE

The first marriage in the history of mankind can be found in Genesis 2:15a, - "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden (NIV)..."

The word EDEN is a complicated word in Hebrew. EDEN means SPOT. It means delightful or paradise spot. When God made the MAN, He put him in His presence. Therefore, the first thing God gave the man is His PRESENCE. So if you're a man, a real man, the first thing that you need is not a girlfriend.

The first thing a man needs is NOT a woman. The most important thing a man needs is the PRESENCE OF GOD. How much time do you spend in the presence of God? How much time do you allot in prayer everyday? How come you can survive without praying or talking to God?

Eve met Adam in the Garden of Eden. In short, Eve met Adam in the presence of God. Thus, a woman should meet her partner in the presence of God.

B. WORK

Genesis 2:15b - "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to WORK it (NIV)..."

God gave WORK before woman. This means that man needs a job or a business before he gets a woman. God's priorities are very clear. This is the reason why I keep on emphasizing to you not to be in relationship first. Finish your studies and then find a job / do business before finding a partner.

According to studies, there are a lot of unwanted pregnancies in our nation. Believe it or not, there are a lot of abortion cases in the Philippines. Some would just use the excuse MISCARRIAGE, but the truth is, they aborted the baby with some medicines that can be bought in the pharmacy. Babies are blessings from God. Babies also have their rights to live. No young men or women have the right to abort their baby. Abortion is not a choice. Abortion is simply murder and murder is a sin.

To all the single women don't choose a man just because he's handsome. Use your brain, not just your eyes. His good looks cannot fill up your stomach. His good looks can't send your children to school. Don't choose a man because his parents are rich. Riches will eventually be gone if the heir doesn't know how to handle the business and doesn't know how to work. Choose a man who has a job or business. Choose a man who is hardworking. Single men, please make sure that you have a stable job or business before you desire to be in a relationship.

C. CULTIVATE

Genesis 2:15b - "Then the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to CULTIVATE it..." (NASB)

Cultivate means to bring the best around you. Cultivate means to maximize the potential of everything around you, to make everything fruitful. God commanded the male to CULTIVATE it. God will never give a man a finished perfect woman. The male was created by God to create what he wants. The perfect woman you are looking for does not exist. She is in your head. Your job is to take care of the raw material you married and cultivate for it to become the woman that is in your head. This is the same with women. God didn't give you a perfect man. Your job is to take care of your husband and cultivate him to become the man that is in your head.

Paul talked about how Jesus treats His wife (the church): Ephesian 5:25-27 - ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (NIV)."

For the wives, you also have to cultivate your husband. You should not keep on nagging your husband. Wives should fill her husband with encouraging words. Wives, when was the last time that you appreciated your husband and verbalize it? Don't keep on reminding him of his wrong decisions and failures. Wives, pray for your husband. Trust God that one day your husband will become the man that you're desiring him to be.

D. GUARD

Genesis 2:15c - "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and TAKE CARE of it." (NIV)

The male must be the PROTECTOR of everything under his care. This is why God gave you a stronger bone frame, a bigger muscle mass, not to abuse the woman but to protect the woman. Men, we protect our wife from people who can hurt them. But who can protect our wife from us? What do I mean? We try to protect our spouse from other men or women who are planning to hurt her. But unconsciously or consciously, we hurt our wife in different ways. We hurt our them with words, we hurt them when we frustrate them, we hurt them when we don't provide enough for our family.

Women, though it is the man's primary responsibility to guard you and your family, do you love your husband to guard and protect him? Young people, do you love your dad? Do you love him enough to guard and protect him? Maybe, you're saying, "Pastor, my husband or dad is stronger than me, how can I protect him?" You can protect your husband or dad by protecting his family name. Wives, make sure that your attitude and life will not bring shame to your husband's family name. Young people, make sure that your dad doesn't need to go to the principal's office because of your wrongdoings or failing grades.



1. How can you give what your father/husband needs?

2. What changes do you think you will see in your family if your father will find what he needs in your family?

Pray for each other in your group.