



BUILDING A HOME BLESSED BY GOD

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LECTURE FOR COUPLES

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Mark 10:6 But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. 7 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and join to his wife; 8 and they two shall be one flesh; so then they are no more two, but one flesh.

CHARACTERISTICS OF COUPLES:

- Different people, raised in different families, with different styles, different moods, different personalities, taught and indoctrinated, often with wrong and mistaken customs.
- There are also several types of couples, the traditional ones with their children, couples without children, couples from a second or more marriages, with or without children from their marriages, single couples who are yet to form a family.

It is not easy to live in such a diverse context, with so many variations, so it is necessary to find a model, a direction, that goes beyond any opinion or understanding, an unquestionable model, and that model is the model of God.

All couples must be perfected in the same model, the perfect model, for imperfect people, which is the model of God.

Isaiah 61:9 And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people; all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the LORD has blessed.

GOD'S FAMILY MODEL:

Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Genesis 2:18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. 21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof. 22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her to the man. 23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out

of Man. **24** *Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall join to his wife; and they shall be one flesh.*

Be one flesh:

- **Spiritual** - They have the same faith.

2 Corinthians 6:14 *Be you not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship has righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion has light with darkness?*

- **Emotional** - Solidary support in difficult times or when in doubt..

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- **Physics** - Having an active sex life.

Proverbs 5:18 *Let your fountain be blessed; and rejoice with the wife of your youth.*

1 Corinthians 6:16 *What? know you not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, said he, shall be one flesh.*

Let the home be set apart for God:

No matter what your family is like, God has a purpose for each family. But for this purpose to be fulfilled, you need to take care of it with great zeal, especially by cultivating God's principles daily. Your home needs to be a home consecrated to the Lord.

CONSECRATE - QADASH (Hebrew) - means **Separate for God, Dedicate to God.**

Therefore, a home consecrated to the Lord must be clean, pure and dedicated to God. If you have a clean, pure and consecrated home to the Lord, you have a happy home. This is God's will for our family. Therefore, do not accept error, sin, which is unclean, have a home turned to God.

Ezekiel 44:23 *And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.*

It turns out that many do not have their homes dedicated to God and have allowed impurities and situations contrary to the Lord's will. Others have put their families in the third or fourth plan. A lot of people put their family at the bottom of their list of priorities. They do not value their home as something precious to God for their people. For much of society, family values have already been lost. They even say that the family is broke, that it is an outdated concept.

But the family is God's perfect project for our life. So, there are situations created by society that change the concepts of God. For example, it is easy to give up on one relationship and take on another. Many people no longer fight for their marriage. And the world teaches thus: - Isn't it working? Separate.

Of course, I'm not talking about cases where there is violence, abuse, betrayal.

Matthew 5:32 But I say to you, that whoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causes her to commit adultery: and whoever shall marry her that is divorced commits adultery.

Prepared Children:

Deuteronomy 6:6 And these words, which I command you this day, shall be in your heart.

Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Parents' affection has been replaced by the ease of delivering their children to schools and daycare centers, or filling them with electronics so they don't have to give due attention to their children. Many claim to have no time to educate their children according to biblical precepts. And that causes families to be destroyed. Because the children will be a reflection of what the parents were for them and what they were taught.

Many teenagers, instead of receiving guidance from their parents on the right ways, receive gifts, or allowances, but God requires that we value our family, that we take care of our home as a gift from God, our most precious asset. Because, through his life, the Lord will manifest great things in his family.

You have a right to have a blessed family. Don't give it up, because it is your God-given right and it started with Abraham.

Genesis 12:3 *And I will bless them that bless you, and curse him that curses you: and in you shall all families of the earth be blessed.*

Just as wrong things cannot prevail in the church, you also cannot accept hypocrisy within your home, unresolved problems that generate strife, and think that this is normal. This is not part of the Lord's blessed family. God does not manifest blessing where there is hypocrisy. Now, the tendency of people is always to make excuses for the way they act. And when there is a family problem, in many cases, each member will be full of arguments to justify their attitudes, even if they are contrary to the Bible. But to have happy families, we need to live the Word of God. You were made for this, you must bear fruit.

Colossians 1:6 *Which is come to you, as it is in all the world; and brings forth fruit, as it does also in you, since the day you heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth; 9 for this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that you might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 that you might walk worthy of the Lord to all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, to all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness.*

It is not easy, but it is necessary to persevere and be very patient, for the faith that is within you, for the power of the Holy Spirit. And that has to motivate you, understanding that God will honor your attitudes of fidelity to Him.

Controlled Temperament:

In the family of God there will always be changes in behavior, with perseverance, patience, a long fuse, so that you support your husband, wife, children, parents with great patience. So you will have a family blessed by God.

Is easy? It is not easy, but it is God's order and He helps us.

As Christians we know that our lives have to be in line with Biblical principles. Obedience generates the manifestation of the blessing that was promised to us.

Galatians 3:7 *Know you therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.*

Galatians 3:8 *And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel to Abraham, saying, In you shall all nations be blessed. 9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham. 29*

And if you be Christ's, then are you Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

A blessed home is your right, it is your inheritance, because you are Christ's. You are heir to the promise to have a blessed family, but that does not mean that you will have no problems or afflictions.

John 16:33 *These things I have spoken to you, that in me you might have peace. In the world you shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.*

But by believing in that word, and by the power of God that works in our lives, we can resolve all situations.

The knowledge of the Word of God:

Whoever knows the Word of God, knows God and will never be deceived or confused.

John 8:32 *And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

Hosea 4:6 *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you, that you shall be no priest to me; seeing you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children.*

For everything to work out, you have to guide your family and your personal conduct, according to the Word of God. The Bible must be your life manual, otherwise you will use the strategy of the world and not the strategy of God that is in the Bible.

2Timothy 3:16 *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; 17 that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished to all good works.*

Therefore, there is no excuse for continuing to err. Because the Holy Spirit teaches us, rebukes us, corrects us, and educates us for what we need to change. The word of God educates us and enables us to live in obedience to God and thus see God's action in our family.

If the family is based on the word of God, the family must be blessed.

Proverbs 3:1 *My son, forget not my law; but let your heart keep my commandments; 2 for length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to you. 3 Let not mercy*

and truth forsake you; bind them about your neck; write them on the table of your heart; 4 so shall you find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

The word of God generates transformations and changes in all of us, but it has to be engraved in your heart, it has to be inside you.

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart; and lean not to your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct your paths.

Never think that your human understanding will take you on safe paths. Do not seek guidance in the world, a co-worker, a friend who is in the world, because your advice will lead your family to destruction. Do not talk about your life to anyone who cannot help you to build, for who can straighten your ways is God.

You have heard me say a few times that one of the biggest problems of couples today, are the reactions to certain situations, problems, conflicts. It is in the reaction that one usually sins and reason is lost.

James 1:19 Why, my beloved brothers, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath. 20 For the wrath of man works not the righteousness of God.

That is how you will not lose patience, meekness, long-suffering. This is what creates peace in the home. If all family members assume the responsibility of doing this before God, many problems will be avoided and resolved. Being late to talk and angry and ready to listen to the other person.

James 1:22 But be you doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

We have to practice the Word. If I listen and do not practice, I am deceiving myself, because I will never see the transformation of my life and consequently of my family.

It is the responsibility of each member of the family to care for each other so that there will be manifestations of the Lord's blessings, even if you are the only believer in your home. If you want to see your home transformed and consecrated to God, start living it in your life.

In addition, we have a responsibility to eliminate from our homes that which separates the blessings of God, that which is abhorrent to God, that which is not part of living in Christ.

People are allowing all kinds of wrong things in their homes: worldly behaviors, mistaken thoughts, ways of relating contrary to what the Bible teaches, addictions, or even a simple object that can generate sadness in the heart of God, like, for example, an idol.

People are not giving God the place they deserve in their home. Never forget that what is normal for the world is not always approved by God.

See the attitude of Joshua, when he was at the end of his career as leader of the people of Israel, he warned the people not to mix with other peoples who served other gods. Because it would bring ruin to their families. It means that there may be people who allow wrong customs and advice within the

your home. And where that happens there is destruction because God does not manifest his blessing.

Joshua 23:2 And Joshua called for all Israel, and for their elders, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers, and said to them, I am old and stricken in age, 3 and you have seen all that the LORD your God has done to all these nations because of you; for the LORD your God is he that has fought for you. 8 But hold to the LORD your God, as you have done to this day.

Cling to God, you and your family.

Joshua 23:10 One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the LORD your God, he it is that fights for you, as he has promised you.

Why doesn't God work in my marriage? Why doesn't God work in my home? Why is my family destroying themselves?

These may be questions you are asking yourself, but God also asks you: What have you been doing to make your family change, so that your family is restored?

God works through our lives and He acts when you follow him, and follow his direction, his principles, his laws and his designs, so He restores, reestablishes, makes him grow and bear fruit.

The covenant that God made with us through Abraham has not changed, it is people who violate that covenant with their wrong behavior. All the Lord wants is for you not to let the things of the world into your house and your thoughts, the

lies of the evil one, mistakes and mistakes, because it destroys families and family relationships.

***Ephesians 4:1** I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that you walk worthy of the vocation with which you are called, **2** with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love, **3** endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. **29** Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace to the hearers. **30** And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby you are sealed to the day of redemption. **31** Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice. **32** And be you kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you.*

As we are blessed families of the Lord, the problems of our home must be solved wisely and according to the Bible, with humility, meekness, patience, peace, without clumsy words, without bitterness, anger, shouting, blasphemies, malice.

***Joshua 24:14** Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve you the LORD. **15** And if it seem evil to you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom you will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.*

Me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Repeat: Me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

***Joshua 14:23** Now therefore put away, said he, the strange gods which are among you, and incline your heart to the LORD God of Israel.*

Choose to practice the word of God, take out of your home everything that might sadden the Holy Spirit and incline your heart to the Lord so that you can say as Joshua said:

Me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

So be it!