

Kingdom Relationships 2

The Makings of a Kingdom Marriage

Building a Kingdom Marriage

1. A Kingdom Marriage is Built on Purpose.

Psalm 8:3-6 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, 4 what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? 5 Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. 6 You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet..."

- a. God has a Kingdom Agenda: it is the visible manifestation of the His comprehensive rule over every area of life.

Perhaps there is no greater place that can visible reveal God's rule in the earth than in a Kingdom Marriage.

- b. A Kingdom Marriage has as a foundation extraordinary submission to God's purpose.

Ephesians 5:24-32 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. **25** Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, **26** that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, **27** so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. **28** In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. **29** For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, **30** because we are members of his body. **31** "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."
32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

The Purpose of Marriage is visible manifestation of the eternal love and devotion of Jesus and His bride the church.

Messed up Christian marriages in our churches gives no true indication of the Love Jesus has for the world!

- c. We are to rule in our culture, not be ruled by it! 6 You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet..."

Kingdom Purpose: Let us love like Jesus loves... lets live like Jesus lives.

Kingdom couples share a purpose, not just passion. Emotions change, but the purpose remains and is what can tie two people together until death do they part.

A Kingdom marriage consist of Passion and Purpose.

2. A Kingdom Marriage is Built on Truth.

- a. What is the kingdom? Throughout the Bible, the kingdom of God is His rule. The Greek word used for “kingdom” is basileia, translated “rule” or “authority.”
 - i. Truth is a standard.
 - ii. In the world of construction builders use expression of being level, plumb and true.
- b. Jesus connects His Kingdom with Truth.

To have Jesus prosecuted by Rome, the religious Jews accused Jesus of starting an insurrection because he claiming to be King.

John 18:33;36-38 **33** So Pilate said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” **36** Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.” **37** Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”

38 Pilate said to him, “What is truth?”

- i. The Kingdom of God is established on the standard of truth.
 1. This standard of truth is nonnegotiable, transcending cultural, economic, belief-based, and situational lines.

God wants His revelation and not human opinion to be the basis and foundation for their relationship
 2. A Kingdom Marriage is a marriage which is built on and guided by the purpose and principles of Jesus.
 3. This is what Paul meant when he said (1 Corinthians 4:20) For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power.

The kingdom of God is non-negotiable.
- ii. The first couple got in trouble when they chose not live in the protection of Truth.
 1. We see this show up first in the garden when God told Adam and Eve that they could eat freely from any tree one. And the day you eat of it you will die.
 2. The serpent caused Eve to question truth. “You will not surely die”

3. When they ate of this tree, they removed themselves from absolute security, safety, and the satisfaction of God's perfect design for them. Their reason away of God's truth cost them everything.
 4. As a result, today we must be careful to always place our reasoning underneath the umbrella of absolute, revealed truth.
- c. If you want a Kingdom Marriage with the benefits that follow, you must be People of Truth who listen to His Voice.

This bring ORDER from CHAOS in a Hectic World: Write down a Kingdom Culture for your marriage. Standards for:

- i. What we believe
- ii. A Purpose for our partnership
- iii. How we will live

3. A Kingdom Marriage is Built for God's Glory.

Not only does the Kingdom agenda operate on this foundation of absolute truth, but it also operates under the only all-inclusive principle presented to us for understanding the work of God in our lives as we live in his kingdom:

This principle is His glory. We exist for His glory. Our marriage exists for His Glory.

Romans 11: 36 says that "from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen."

Our Marriage is For Him

Our Marriage must be live Through Him

Our Marriage must direct all Things To Him

Passion and Purpose:

A Kingdom Marriage Has Goals and Benefits.

Goals – establishing the rule and reach of God's Kingdom through partnership.

Benefits – happiness, love, intimacy and satisfaction

Happiness is to be a benefit of a strong marriage but not the goal. The goal of marriage is to reflect God through the advancement of His kingdom on earth.

Happiness occurs as an organic outgrowth when this goal is pursued.