

BECOMING AN UNCOMMON HUSBAND TO FULFIL DESTINY

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THE CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE AS UNCOMMON (Eph. 5: 21 -33)

- It is spiritually designed – it's a mystery. Two becoming one flesh.
- It is to mirror or project Christ's relationship to the Church.
- So it takes God's help to do it successfully.
- It is a great responsibility of high calling.
- We need a Biblical understanding of God's expectations of a Christian husband.
- The point is, we need to be uncommon husbands to succeed, **to win God's approval, and to fulfil our destiny in this life and the life to come.**

- If we meet God's expectations, our fellowship with God in this life is sustained and we're given access to heaven after this life; if we do unauthorized things in the treatment of our wives, we forfeit our relationship with God in this life; and in the life to come, we're denied access to heaven. (1 Peter 3:7; Matt. 7: 21- 23; Luke 13: 25 – 27)

ILLUSTRATIONS

- The disciples' eyes were opened to the nature of the Christian marriage. (Matt. 19: 3 -10)
- The Apostle Paul said wives must be given priority attention, almost equal to the attention given to God. (1 Corinthians 7: 32 -34)
- God said He monitors what goes on in marriage. (Malachi 2: 13 -16)
- A strong and happy marriage as a condition for acceptable service. (1 Tim. 3: 4 - 5)

FOUR BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES ON UNCOMMON HUSBANDS

- An uncommon husband sees his wife as God sees her – a gift, a good thing, a treasure, an image of God, and a wonderfully and fearfully made person. And he treats her as such. (Gen. 1: 27; 2: 23; Ps. 139: 13 & 14; Prov. 18:22; 19:14)
- He conscious of God as a WITNESS, so does not treat his with in any unauthorized way. That is, he is ever mindful of the consequences of any behavior contrary to the Word of God. (Matt. 7: 21- 23; Luke 13: 25 – 27)
- He gives priority attention to his wife, next to the one given to God. (1 Corinthians 7: 32 -34)
- He reflects Christ's character in his treatment of his wife – his wife sees Christ in him. (Eph. 5: 25)

THREE SPECIFIC BEHAVIOURS OF AN UNCOMMON HUSBAND

He loves her unconditionally. This means four key things:

- Thinking good and positive things about the wife.
- Doing kind things to the wife irrespective of her behavior or performance.
- Saying kind and encouraging things to her – washing her with the water of gracious words.
- Forgiving her freely – not withdrawing affection or fellowship for any reason.

He cherishes his wife. This means five key things(Prov. 5:18; Eccl. 9;9)

- Contentment or satisfaction with his wife, accepting her as the best from God; not comparing her with other women.
- Appreciating her good qualities always.
- Being her friend, confidant, and cheer leader (encourager)
- Playing together, praying together, and planning together.
- Rejoicing in his wife and giving thanks to God daily for the gift of his wife.

- **He nourishes his wife.** This means three key things:
- He provides for his wife – spiritually, emotionally, socially, sexually, and intellectually.
- He is sensitive to his wife's feelings and needs and provides empathy and support.
- He grows his wife into becoming a better person – he adds values to his wife, helping her to build or strengthen her self-confidence and self-worth.

THE NECESSITY OF FERVENT PRAYERS

- To become an uncommon husband requires the grace and power of God.
- This means soaking ourselves and wives in fervent prayer on a daily basis.
- Drawing inspiration from our Saviour Jesus Christ - Heb. 5: 7-9. If Jesus needed fervent prayers to do God's will, we need it much more.

AN APPEAL TO WIVES

- Uncommon husbands need the following from their wives:
- Fervent prayers
- Support and understanding
- Submission and respect – Sarah called her husband lord.

NOTE: The uncommon husband is still a work in progress – not a finished product!

PRAYER POINTS

- To build our lives and marriages on the Word and by the Word to prevent crashing in the face of storms, obstacles, and challenges of life and marriage. (Matt. 7: 24 -27)
- To have a biblical understanding of marriage and to strive to meet God's expectations.