

FAMILY MATTERS - Part 3

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I. 3 primary roles of the Household of God

1. Son/Daughter (You) - Dependency
2. Spouse - Deference
3. Parent - Development

II. 3 Stages of the Son/Daughter Role: (Life Cycle)

1. Baby Stage - Exposure
2. Child Stage - Exercise
3. Adult Stage - Excelling

III. Spouse - DEFERENCE

- A. Deference - Affected or ingratiating regard for another's wishes; in deference to; in consideration of; Humble or respectful submission to the judgment, opinion, will, of another

IV. Phil 2:1 5 characteristics of Jesus our bridegroom

- A. Consolation - *paraklesis* - Call to someone giving encouragement, comfort or exhortation
- B. Comfort - *paramythion* - The comfort you feel when consoled in times of disappointment.
- C. Fellowship - *koinonia* - Close association or fellowship; common property or ownership; sharing, participating, intimacy
- D. Affection - *splanchnon* - To feel great compassion for; deep inward feelings. Not superficial
- E. Mercy - *oiktirmos* - Pity, deep awareness and sympathy for another's suffering; empathy and sensitivity

V. Phil 2:2-4 - Have "same" love with others

- A. Selfish Ambition - *eritheia* - Self interest, Drive for personal success without moral inhibitions; rivalry or competition
- B. Conceit - *kenodoxia* - Excessive pride in one's achievements, vain, bragging, boasting
- C. Lowliness of mind - *tapeinophrosyne* - Humble-mindedness, modesty, without arrogance; appropriate disposition of valuing or assessing oneself
- D. Esteem - *hegeomai* - To lead or command with authority; go first, lead the way, be a leader
- E. Better - *hyperecho* - To be of greater value, to hold above; make superior or higher
- F. Look out - *skopeo* - Turn one's interests or expectations towards something; Aim at as a target

VI. Deference is required for intimacy

- A. 3 Kinds of Intimacy - Physical, Emotional, Spiritual
- B. INVEST - (I)ntimacy (N)ecessitates (V)alue, (E)nergy, (S)acrifice and (T)rust
1. VALUE
 - a) Emotional - "I value your thoughts. Your thoughts are important to me."
 - b) Spiritual - "I value God's purpose for your life and the dreams of your heart."
 2. ENERGY
 - a) Emotional - Marriage takes work. "I am working hard to listen to you and understand you."

- b) **Spiritual** - "I commit to pursuing God individually and together to find and fulfill God's call on my life, your life, and our marriage."

3. **SACRIFICE**

- a) **Emotional** - Sometimes happiness is only possible when you let go of judgment and sacrifice your need to be right or win an argument.
- b) **Spiritual** - "I sacrifice the desire to only promote myself or worry about myself."

4. **TRUST**

- a) **Emotional** - Your spouse feels safe to share all opinions and emotions with you.
- b) **Spiritual** - "I will create an atmosphere of trust where you can share your deepest spiritual desires and know I will honor them."

VII. Ten common "marriage myths" (in no particular order):

1. If I married the "right person," I should always feel in love.
2. If my spouse really loves me, he or she will be willing to change.
3. My friends know me, so they're always the best place to get my marriage advice.
4. Just because I'm married doesn't mean I can't keep secrets and have personal privacy.
5. My parents raised me, so my loyalty to them should be stronger than my loyalty to my spouse.
6. I shouldn't have to tell my spouse what's wrong. If he or she was paying attention, they should know!
7. As long as I don't commit adultery, I should be able to do anything I want to get my sexual needs met.
8. Every couple is unique, so there's not a single "right" way to be married.
9. Our kids need us, so they should always come before our marriage.
10. If things aren't working out in the marriage, I would probably be better off with somebody else.

VIII. APPLICATION:

- A. In what areas of your life do you need to humble yourself and defer to others?
- B. Which of the 5 characteristics of Jesus do you commit to grow in?
- C. Ask God to show you where you are operating in selfish ambition.
- D. Have you been so focused on your own issues that you no longer consider others?
- E. Am I lacking intimacy with God and others? How can I INVEST in it to change it?
- F. What marriage myths have I believed that I need to change?
