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Securing the Souls of our Children

The Home Builder
(Unveiling the Wise Woman in God's Wisdom)

Living the
Supernatural Life

Keeping
an atmosphere of Peace

Ancient Wisdom for
building Homes

Editor's Note

God seeks a generation of people who would prepare Him a home, a resting place where He will abide forever. His love for families is revealed in the attention given to this vital unit of the church through the epistles (Eph. 5:22-33; 6:1-4, Col. 3:18-21, Titus 2:1-6, 1Pt.3:1-7) and how He even sets the solitary in families (Psalms 68:6). He desires to have homes void of rancour, offense, bitterness and hatred. The patterns of the home He so desires must be revealed for alignment in building, as Moses was shown the pattern of the tabernacle and instructed to build according to what was revealed to Him (Ex.25:40). In the same manner, the unveiling of the template must be received by every home. The temptation to build with inferior and transient materials exists, considering the raging warfare to be fought in the process of ensuring conformity to divine standard but every home must be intentional with creating a culture of love, joy and serenity.

Satan is not perturbed about our commitment to church activities or our routinal religious engagements, as long as we are not raising a habitation for God through obedience to revealed righteousness or establishing His life as a governing culture. In fact, he can foster such commitment, so far a generation is not laboring to enter into rest or devoted to securing the future of the next generation after them. God's plan is to have His laws and commandments govern human activities, and His covenant become entrenched in their daily affairs.

This special edition is a compilation of messages from the Family Life Summit held in June. Seasoned vessels ministered with grace, supplying wisdom for the building of God's habitation in us. From the foundation of the Milk, with respect to the leading of the Spirit that characterizes the supernatural life, to the wisdom of Christ in becoming skilled in the battle of securing the borders of faith in our homes, to the establishment of everlasting life as the core operating system influencing every aspect of our life and becoming a counter-culture against prevailing patterns in our communities, healing was administered and clarity supplied to advance our journey.

We implore you to go through this edition with openness of heart, receive the corrections with meekness and make adjustments where necessary. Be determined to partner with God to build a secure home for Him. You will be immensely blessed and transformed by these words. Wishing you a wonderful encounter with the Lord.



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The Fight of Faith: Securing the Souls of our Children

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There is a raging battle in the spirit for the souls of the emerging generation. The world calls them Gen Z, but they are Generation God or Gen G. Our children are the inheritors of our labours; children are supposed to enter into the labours of their parents.

This is a new day in terms of the declaration of the faith of God in the church. There is an expectation in the heart of God for this generation. God is a transgenerational God, He has generations in mind. When He raised Adam and Eve, He saw us in the picture; we are a by-product of that first family. Every life is a generation. You carry the seed of a generation in you. When God looks at us, He is not seeing us only but He is seeing seeds that will come through us. There is a raging battle from the pit of hell to consume generations with all forms of perversion and degradation. God, in His wisdom, is fast enrolling households into the process of being equipped for this generational battle. Our families are to be kingdom centers, that is, equipping centres where the values of God can be transferred to our children.

God has a time in His heart for Him to pick your children and begin to work on them. You cannot manipulate Him to do this before His set time, but once you lay the foundation for Him in their hearts, He will come for them at His ordained time. Parenting takes faith. A child might depart from the solid foundation for a season, but as long as you have worked in that child, such would return to that labour.



Proverbs 22:6 KJV

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

You must know that if you are not a covenant keeper, you cannot raise godly seeds for God. When you are said to engage in the fight of faith, it means you are taking your stand in God to withstand the opposition of hell. There are examples of men who obeyed God in their generation and cut an everlasting covenant with God which engrafted their children into the same covenant they had with Him. Let's consider Abraham's life.



Abraham as a Model

God had called Abraham to journey away from his country, kindred and his father's house to a land he would be shown, and by faith, he obeyed (Gen.12:1-2). We can say he was separated for greatness just the way God will also separate you from your country, kindred and father's house. Your father's house is your gene, your genetic makeup. You need to first be separated from your natural ancestry because your greatness is tied to you departing from it to pursue and serve God's purpose. You cannot birth the purposes of God when you still have a strong tie to natural bloodline. God must change you from the inside. Abraham had to journey to a place of becoming one with it. That is what faith does; it carries you through the journey.

When it comes to coming into the greatness that God has called you and your family to, there will be a fight to possess it. It will take a fight of faith to come into it. What you see in Abraham was a fight of faith to see him come into greatness.

The promise in that chapter became fulfilled in Genesis 22, that was after about a 40-year period. God called Abraham into greatness, but he was to walk with God at every point of the journey. It was Abraham's obedience that became the foundation for Isaac and Jacob. God is a transgenerational God, He wants to be the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. God is relying on the faithfulness of a generation to establish His ordinance on the earth, meaning, God needs your long-term commitment to establish His ordinance on the earth. Our children are supposed to share in the hallmark of our pursuit with God. For instance, the time when there was famine upon the land, Isaac found grace not to compromise because the Lord helped him. This was because Abraham had laboured and established some things. There are labours of fathers, labours of parents, which entail a consistent walk of obedience to God. I have come to know that it is possible to arrive at a point where you become confident that your children will follow God because of your consistent walk with Him in sincerity and truth.

Keeping God's Covenant



God is checking us out. This is not dependent on what we say or how we preach, but how well we keep His laws. God knows when we are keeping His laws and when we are joking. Abraham made up his mind that he was going to obey God all through. The reason I like Abraham's story is because we did not see a man that was perfect all through; he made mistakes and even lied, but the beauty of it is that he had a heart that could be corrected.

You must have a heart that can be easily corrected. God showed us the humanity of Abraham for a reason, so we could see a man that had a heart for God. All the men recorded in the Bible that did well with God had weaknesses, but they also had a long-term commitment to God which made them quickly mend their ways when His standards were revealed.

You can have a child that does not understand prayer for instance, but because he has seen you pray many times, when he needs to connect that, the first thing he will remember is that he saw you praying. But if you have not been obeying God, he will need another parent in the spirit to connect to get that dimension.

In teaching the word of righteousness in this season, we are the first fruit. God is demanding our faithfulness and commitment; it will determine how far this work will go. You cannot model an accurate covenant relationship with your wife if you do not keep covenant with her, and you will not be able to teach your children something sensible about marriage either. The battle is to prevent you from cutting covenant with God. Walking with God is a long-term commitment, you cannot transfer anything to anybody that you have not possessed.

Genesis 21:9-10 KJV

(9) And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abraham, mocking.

(10) Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac.

Abraham had gotten a son from Agar and when God wanted to correct that error, Abraham was willing to cast out the bondwoman and her child. God cannot command you if He knows you will not listen. Abraham journeyed to a point where he could obey that commandment from God. It was God that moved Sarah to tell Abraham what she did (Gen. 21:11-12). If Sarah's voice were not the Lord's voice, He would not have confirmed it. The bondwoman and her son were not part of the covenant God intended to make with Abraham. When you are serious with your walk with the Lord, He will correct your mistakes. You cannot bring forth a generation that will serve God's purpose in compromise and expect to be accepted by Him.

For instance, if I cannot keep covenant with my wife, I will not be able to command my children to do the same when they come into that season. If you have never obeyed God, you do not have the authority to command your household. God is raising a people of deep obedience. It is a fight of faith, that is, a fight of cutting an everlasting covenant with God.

Fatherhood and Sonship

The whole purpose of God in the Bible is centered around fatherhood and sonship. God, the Son and the Holy Ghost are the Godhead, and everything about the purposes of God flows from that parent stock. We have the GodHead, the kingdom and church. The kingdom is the expression of the dominion of God's life and that life is manifested in their nature and values. The kingdom flows out of the life of God. We have the GodHead and the beneficiaries of the GodHead are His sons and daughters. The reason we have sons is because God has something to give. The kingdom is bigger than the church, the kingdom has been before the beginning, because the church started in Acts 2.

The giving of God's will, the dispensation of God's purposes is what makes up the kingdom. God came from eternity into time because He wanted sons and daughters. The only reason why creation exists today is because God wants to see Himself in creation. The only reason why you should want to have children is because you want to see things that God has given to you in your children; anything outside that is not the will of God. Families are to capture the will and values of God.

The template of the kingdom runs on fatherhood and sonship and because of this, there is warfare. The warfare that began in the garden is because Satan did not want Adam to become a full son of God. Satan knows he cannot fight God, but he knows he can get man. Satan knows God created him, he knows he cannot match God even though somewhere he underestimates Him. Satan went after the sons of God in heaven and up till now, he is still going after God's children. He does not want any man to inherit God's life. Being born again is not an inheritance. You are in a field of warfare, your calling is to inherit God, you are to fight every force that is determined to hinder you from inheriting God.

You must be determined to keep God's will while you breathe. God can correct your mistakes as you are committed to keep journeying with him. Stop wasting time because you do not have that much time.

You waste time when you are given over to pleasure. What made Isaac relevant in the purpose of God till date is the covenantal blessings he got from Abraham. Also, it could have been God of Abraham, Isaac and Esau, but Esau sold his birthright. The decisions you are making now will determine whether you will be an Esau or a Jacob. You will be the former if you permit temporary pleasure that will deny you of inheriting God's promise to overtake you.

The Fivefold Kingdom Command

When God raises a family, He is securing the blessing of the righteous. When God raised the first family, He gave them the five-fold kingdom command.

Genesis 1:28 KJV

(28) And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

God told families to be fruitful. For instance, when you measure your love life with your wife, your experience should be getting better, you must be increasing.

The next thing God said was that they should multiply, that is to become great exceedingly. Every family is to be a great family, you are to become great in God. The word, "greatness" should not be used for just anything; it is an everlasting vocabulary. Anything that cannot last is not great, greatness is of God.

The next blessing He said was that man should replenish the earth. To replenish means to be full, it means abundance. When you increase, you will come into abundance of love, light, revelation, grace and even resources so that you will be able to carry out the purposes of God. Do not be afraid, God has a plan for your economy. Some of you have a small mind concerning the will of God. I want you to have a large heart and an abundant mindset. I want you to have a mind that when the seasons of God come and God begins to tell you to do something, you will have the resources to do it.

The next thing is to subdue. Families are to subdue. This means to keep under, to bring into servitude. You cannot subdue if you have not replenished, you cannot replenish if you have not multiplied, and you cannot multiply if you have not been fruitful.

Poverty is first a mindset; do not misinterpret it as leading. In my heart, I am enlarged, I do not see anything impossible for God. There is nothing God cannot do; as long as it is in His program for me, He will do it. A man must be rich in faith - if God says it, He can do it, do not look at your purse, look at God.

You must come to the place of subduing, because there are a lot of things to subdue in the spirit. Some of our children fight certain devils; you will need to war those devils down and subdue them. Some of them fight some kinds of devils based on where they will stand in the spirit. You need to pray for your children to a level that you will know that their souls are secured in God.

The last one is to have dominion, which means to rule and dominate and thread down perpetually. This is the destiny of God for your family. Even though man fell, the purpose of God for man is still in God. Jesus makes us know that the New Testament is an established testament in that where Adam failed, Jesus succeeded. Everything Jesus did, He did for us, just like everything Adam did affected us.

All things are yours, but you must fight to take your stand. Abraham already had the land of promise, but his children had to fight for it. There are things that Jesus has stored up for us which we must possess and walk in.

As a man, you have authority in your household over your wife and children. When you speak in the spirit, they will heed you because of your integrity in the spirit is evident. When it comes to making certain prayers in the spirit over your children, you have to be someone they reckon with in the spirit. If you are, they will hear you because they know you; this is beyond being born again.

Genesis 18:19 KJV

(19) For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

There are certain things in the spirit that you cannot impact because you have not laid hold on them, you must earn them and be willing to pay the price for them.

Psalms 37:18-19 KJV

(18) The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever.

(19) They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

David wrote this before the era of grace, but David saw the testament of grace. Once you are upright, you have an established inheritance. The upright are those that walk circumspectly. Sometimes, a family goes through assaults that can be an evil season for a family. But if you are upright, you will pass through them with grace.

The famine here is beyond physical famine, it is possible that as a family, you lack spiritually and you are poor with respect to the ways of God. You can only command when you have ways. That command is a military word based on the fact that you carry authority. The head must be ahead, it is not just by saying, "I am the head", that is so empty.

Thriving in lack

You should come into a season where you do not borrow but lend. As a family, start training yourself to give, because you have a mind that God will bless you.

Psalms 37:20-21 KJV

(20) But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away.

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Psalms 37:22 KJV

(22) For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and they that be cursed of him shall be cut off.

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Psalms 37:23-25 KJV

(23) The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.

(24) Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand.

(25) I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

This is not primarily money; it includes it, but it is not just money. This bread refers to resources. The word of the Lord is bread. The righteous must have a covenant with bread. Families must not lack bread, both in the natural and in the spirit. Generations coming after you should be able to come into some places in God because of your obedience. Do not be so carried away about what your child is doing now. At a particular age, your children will just do what they want to do but the covenant is stronger than their will. Later, they will align with the will of God.

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Given to hospitality

I have been asking God about what Abraham carried, God needs to show us these things. We must first build the capacity to entertain both brethren and strangers so that it becomes easy to entertain angels.

Hebrews 13:2 KJV

(2) Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Have a financial covenant with God through giving. Abraham ran to those men because he could discern them (Gen. 18:1-2). We must have the attitude of honour.

Genesis 18:3-4 KJV

(3) And said, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant:

(4) Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree:

If you do not honour a minister of the gospel, you cannot honour an angel. If you have an opportunity to be around a minister of the Lord for service, it is a great opportunity. Stop waiting for a physical angel, that is a messenger of the Lord with you; honour and serve them. Many of us do not have a honourable heart, and there is no way God can bless us that way. Looking at Abraham, there is no way God will not bless him. Abraham had a lot of largeness of heart.

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Three things about the fatherhood and sonship template

1.

Godly parenting is designed to transfer values from God to your children. It is good to give your children a good education. If some of you had good education, you would not be where you are today. I believe in giving your children assets and a good education but they can squander both. A covenant with God is stronger. Do you have a home where, in case your son squanders everything natural, he can still find that God heritage? That is what happened to the prodigal son. He had a home to go back to after squandering physical assets (Luke 15:15)

2.

Instruction in doctrine, discipline and character of God.

2 Timothy 1:5 KJV

(5) When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

A family must be loaded with sound doctrine. If you are having inconsistency in your character, it is traced to not having sound doctrine. You need sound doctrine to recover inconsistent manner of life. If you will not change throughout your life, it means you must have a strong connection with sound doctrine.

It was due to generation transfer that there was a Timothy. The discipline of faith was first in his grandmother. Timothy would not have had anything if nothing was kept and transferred to him. There is a season of transfer and handing over. Paul was also there to ensure that Timothy had gotten what his mother and grandmother had (2Tim.1:6). The laying of hands is to confirm what was in him. This gift is not the gift of the spirit, it is the gift of an inheritance of faith. You can transfer the spirit of love, power and a sound mind, just as you can transfer the spirit of fear (2Tim.1:7).

You can transfer virtues and disciplines of God through doctrine (2Tim. 1:12-14). Your children should know that you pray; they should see you praying. If you want to make them pray, let them see a model in you. Your children should know that you are a praying parent and they should know that when you pray for them, God hears. Your children must see you give, serve God, honour spiritual authority. Your children must not see you fight your pastor. Some traits must not be seen in you. They must not see you gossip. If not, you are losing them. A time will come when they will not see you as a model and look for models elsewhere.

3.

God uses the family to envision His mission and purposes.

Your purpose is what defines why you are living, it is what you are pursuing. They must know your purpose beyond your job.

They must know that Daddy is living for something beyond his job.

They must know your mission; your mission is what you do daily. I know a man that is currently not going to church, because his father also was not going to church.

They must know your purpose - what you are living for. They should be able to define your life, they must not see you frequent beer parlors. Family is a place of envisioning the vision of the Lord. By doing all these, you are creating the right foundation for them.

Proverbs 22:6 KJV

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

The wisdom of training comes by your way in the Lord. When the child is said to be old in the scripture above, it is talking about when the child is matured. So, parents must be patient with their children. You do not train a child by words alone, you train a child by lifestyle. If you train a child by doing one thing and saying another thing, you will destroy that child. If your child sees you lying, apologize to them. That way, you are teaching that child that lying is bad. You train up your child by modeling life before them.

We must have an encounter with God's word that will change fundamental natures in us. Many of the natures in us, if well traced, came by generational impartation. Those things are products of bad modeling. God must correct them so that we will have values to transfer to our children, and not just our biological children alone but those that are tied to our loins, that is, people we will influence at different levels of our walk with God.

Living the Supernatural Life

- Rev. Helen Oyegoke

The people God instituted marriage with were living souls (Gen.2:7) and they possessed within them the software to successfully run a marriage. This is why there was no record of God begging Adam to love his wife, Eve or an admonition for Eve to submit to Adam; they were living for God's pleasure. There was a life inside them that instructed them on how to live and relate with one another. If Adam had not fallen, they would both have journeyed into eternal life because God's intention was to fill the earth with eternal beings. At the end of this process, He would have tabernacled with them.

Isaiah 66:1 KJV

(1) Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?

Heaven is not the original place God wants to rest, He is looking to dwell in man, that is why He made him after His image and likeness (Gen.1:26-27). God is looking for a dwelling place. He wants to be involved in the building of our homes (Psalms 127:1). Those who build for God must listen to Him for every detail. Consider how Noah followed the details God gave him about the ark.

There were specifications for the number of animals to occupy the ark (Gen.6:20). The same thing happened with Moses who followed God's revealed pattern in building the temple (Exodus 25:9).

There is a kind of home God wants to dwell in and He alone knows how that kind of home should be built. Every home needs the input of God because He knows how you should build it to accommodate Him.

Do you know after raising your children for a while, God wants to take over and lead them personally? However, you must do the background work first until God takes over. God is keenly interested in our lives.

▲ What is influencing your choice?

A good home starts from the place of choice. God is interested in who you marry, you cannot marry just anybody. If the marriage will be for His purpose, then He needs to decide how it should be. You should ask Him how He wants you to build and drinking the Milk of the word should open you to being led by the Spirit. If you read the Bible well and speak in tongues copiously, you will be able to hear from God. You do not have to spend years in church before you start hearing the Holy Ghost. You must be able to hear the Holy Ghost from an early stage. The reason many believers do not know their left from their right is because they cannot hear the Holy Ghost.

Fantasies powered by the pride of life should not drive your choice in marriage. Do not pick a spouse based on physical looks or natural profession because, when all is said and done, all those will not eventually matter. For instance, there was a brother I really loved when I was in school, but God kept pointing out the fact that the brother did not want to go far with Him. God knew that I would go far and He protected me from that brother. The Holy Ghost wants to help you, that is why He wants to be involved in your choice; allow Him.



You should hear God as a single. Speak in tongues well, read your Bible and listen to messages, you will hear GOD. I want all of you to be supernatural children. Milk is not an ordinary meal, it makes you supernatural. If you take good Milk, you will be opened to the realm where the Holy Ghost can speak to you. People who have a problem with the Holy Ghost talking to them frequently will have an issue with Christ because the ministration of Christ is also Spirit (Rom. 8:9).

There was another brother who was also not approved by the Lord for me. I loved him a lot but God made me see a flaw he had and I told God I would manage it. If God raises or opens your eyes to see something about the person you desire to marry, it means it is important. If He knows you can handle it, He will not raise it. In fact, God would have told you to bear with that flaw if it was something you could manage. That particular brother eventually proposed to another sister before the next time I saw him because he had a restraint about proposing to me. He confided in a sister that he loved me, but he was afraid that he would not be able to fulfill me because he was just a normal brother who did not have the zeal I have for God.

Emotions and Leading

Many years later after I had met my husband and he had started teaching me the word of God, I began to see clearly the picture of that guy whom I lamented to the Lord about. The Spirit of God had told me, "can't you see that he is shallow?" Really, I didn't see that until I met my husband and began to comprehend what it means to have depth in God. I was focused on that other guy's external arrangement, and unfortunately, many believers have married wrongly due to external arrangement. Do not let your emotions go ahead of leading.

I had another case where I met a brother and was excited about it but my spirit restrained me, emphasizing the fact that there was no leading yet. By the time I met my husband, I was done with emotions. When I met him, he gave me word-for-word a prophecy I had received eleven years before I met him. I did not understand the prophecy at the time I received it but he gave me the interpretation and told me that the destination I saw in that experience is where he is going.

. So, I said in my heart, since he is going there, we should go together then. However, I did not release that information to him because I had learnt my lesson. Much later, I had to ask the Lord who he was, and the Lord said to me, "he is a prophet and you will treat him like a prophet". The Lord did not tell me that he was my husband yet because He wanted me to discern him first before emotions came in. So, I treated him like a prophet and fed him well.

The lesson here is that you should prioritize leading. The leading of the Spirit will help you all your life. The world is becoming too terrible that the only way you will be able to survive is by following the Spirit. For instance, you would not invest in the wrong business if you follow the Spirit, you would not live in the wrong house as well. God does not just stop by leading you to get married, He will be there throughout the marriage, through arguments and disagreements, helping you resolve your conflicts. The reason we have problem is because we are too cerebral.

Even if you marry an angel, you will have a problem because you are not an angel yourself. Due to your natural frame or arrangement, you can have problem with how the angel flaps his wings or flies. God gave me a release to marry my husband after a protracted period of him expounding the scriptures to me. It was at this time that the Spirit of revelation and wisdom began working in me.

God does not want us to be led by emotions. Hell is closer to us these days than ever before and they are getting more desperate. They are neutralizing believers by making them rely on senses. Many believers no longer make decisions based on their spirit.

Leading of the Spirit

You should be led in these times, that is your escape route from fallen spirits. You should be led about everything, including the house you live in. For instance, the house where my husband met me, I was led there. Before then, I was looking for an apartment in another area I liked. My church was at Akoka but I did not like the area so I did not want to live there.

However, on a particular day, I was coming from church and was stuck at the bus stop because it was raining heavily. At that point, I became tired.

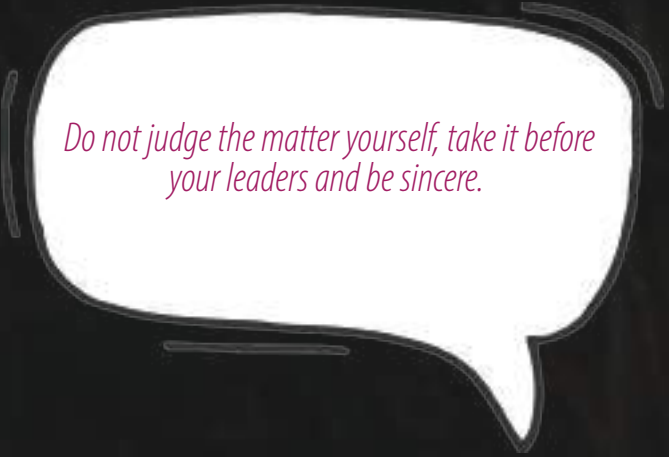
Suddenly, I had a mini vision where I saw myself walking out from my church and walking a few minutes to enter my house. Although I did not like that area, at that moment, I understood what the Lord was saying so I informed a friend who lived in that area and she told me a place was vacant; I got the house around that time. Shortly after that, I met my husband and I believe that the proximity of my house to the church aided this. My pastor actually brought him to my house from church. If I had stayed in that area I liked, the distance would have discouraged my Pastor to bring him to my house.

So, I am saying, you are not supposed to live based on your senses, you need to be alive to your spirit. If not, you will not even know who is right for you to marry. You cannot afford to judge who to marry by considering if you have chemistry or 'physics' with a guy or lady; it is far beyond that. God knows where you are going and what is ahead of you, He knows who is good for you. Knowing how to be led by the Spirit of God is what Christianity is all about. You are supposed to start like that and then improve. When it comes to the learning of Christ, there is the hearing of the doctrine of Christ, there is the administration of those things by the Spirit of Christ, and there is leading that will make you to inherit Christ. Let's consider the first couple God made and how they lived before the fall.

The first marriage

Marriage started with a man and a woman who were living souls; they had stature. That was why God did not need to settle quarrels amidst them until man became dust. God wanted to fill the earth with trees of righteousness but after Adam fell, his children were no longer living souls, their spirits became dead. God wants to take man back to that original estate of sinlessness. And He does it through everything - marriage, work, family, and other areas. This is why you cannot afford to be with someone who has no intention of going far with God. This does not mean that the person must be in your church; he can be from another church but it is his heart that matters; how far is he willing to go with God?

God knows souls and he knows those that will go far. All you need to do is to bring that person before your leaders, let them meet and judge him or her.



Do not judge the matter yourself, take it before your leaders and be sincere.

However, if you are already married, you cannot say, "no wonder, I married wrong"; there is no room for that. God who brought you out from unbelieving parents can still sort your marriage even if you feel you were not led by the Spirit of God when you chose your spouse. God is interested in your home to attain His purpose for man - to be saved and to inherit life. Salvation is the reason for marriage, not romance. This does not mean that God does not want you to have romance, but in reality, you will not always feel the romance everyday. So, you must know the actual purpose of God for marriage so it can keep you even when the going gets tough.

The essence of marriage

The reason for marriage is to build you both up as a habitation for God and to raise godly children for God.

Genesis 18:19 KJV

(19) For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

God said of Abraham that He knew he would raise godly children. God is not just interested in you, He is also interested in your seed. However, you cannot raise godly children when you are not built yourself. It takes maturity to build according to purpose. The raising of a Christ stature is the raising of wisdom (1 Cor.1:23-24, Prov.24:3).

There is wisdom inside Christ with which you build. It is the wisdom of God in Christ, that is the beginning of building. A wise woman builds her home, this is referring to a built woman.

If you're not built, you cannot build anything in line with God's purpose (Prov.14:1). This is a Christed woman; a woman that has been raised by Christ. Christ is the one that teaches you wisdom by which you build. Charity is the end of the learning of Christ.

1 Corinthians 13:4 KJV

(4) Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

1 Corinthians 13:11 KJV

(11) When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

Christ begins building you by wisdom. Suffering long is an expression of Christ wisdom but we all respond to God at different rates. So, the person that God leads you to is not perfect. This is why you should not think God led you wrongly. That person you've been led to is not perfect; neither are you. You excuse yourself when you do wrong, but you do not do the same to the other person. We do not kill ourselves over the weaknesses we exhibit but we expect quick change from other people; that is selfishness. Forbearance is part of love. As long as you heard God well at the beginning, be ready to forbear your spouse's imperfection. Use each other to grow; you need your partner's weakness to be built. The beauty you see in us (Reverend Oyegoke and I) is not that of a perfect couple, but of a couple yielding to God as He works in them.

I remember there was a day I was hurt by something my husband did and I was standing on my right, but God told me to be meek. What I was doing was foolishness, but meekness is wisdom. Although it sounds foolish in the world, that is God's wisdom for building.

Proverbs 14:1 KJV

(1) Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.



A wise woman is meek and a man should also be meek. Do not stand in your home as the king of kings and the lord of lords. Our Lord Jesus as the head and husband of the church even told us to learn of Him, for He is meek and lowly (Matt.11:29). A lot of men have killed their wives by their words. Jesus did not teach you that; you are building with strength instead of wisdom. You have to be wise; the war of the endtimes is the war of wisdom. Satan is said to be full of wisdom, perverted wisdom (Ezekiel 28:12). The church must be decked with wisdom to defeat Satan. When you are proud and angry, you are foolish. You cannot build with anger because anger spoils things.

Ecclesiastes 7:9 KJV

(9) Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.

James 3:17 KJV

(17) But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

You must be easily entreated; someone who is able to shift ground.

1 Corinthians 13:11 KJV

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A man is the one who is able to build; a child spoils things. A child is carnal; a carnal man and woman cannot build anything for God. A charity man does not only suffer long but is also kind. You cannot build unless you are built. This is why God is concentrating on you so you can build for Him. God wants us built; that is the reason for all these teachings. He is teaching us everlasting life, for instance, which is also hidden wisdom for building.

1 Corinthians 2:7-8 KJV

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When God is communicating this wisdom to you, He is showing you hidden things. The wisdom of Christ causes you to suffer long and slows you down. It is not easy to be kind when you are suffering but a mature woman and man is kind even when they are suffering long.

See adoption through marriage by yielding to the wisdom of Christ. Pride and high-mindedness is foolishness. A lot of women do not trust their husband's decision, that is why they do not submit to them. A lot of women usually think they are smarter than their husband, but God who made your husband the head, despite knowing that you are the 'smartest' did that in order to humble you. It is training for the soul to submit to the one you think you are smarter than.

We need to be built, God wants us to live a supernatural life. He wants us to grow but how do we grow? As you hear, you should do; that is how you grow. God wants us to live like aliens; we are not meant to live by mind calculations but from our inside.

Ephesians 2:2 KJV

(2) Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

The world lives by courses that spirits have set. The course of this world has its own wisdom that men live by. It is the world that teaches men to seek their own and secure their interest. It is worldliness; not of God. When you are raised, your raising makes you selfless.

When you are learning Christ, you learn to deemphasize yourself and learn to think about what is in it for others because charity seeks not her own (1Cor.13:5).

1 Corinthians 11:8-9 KJV

(8) For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man.

(9) Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.

A woman is meant to live for her husband, but it takes being raised to see this. The raising of Christ makes you interested in what benefits your husband. God leads you out of your flesh. Becoming spiritual is leading you out of flesh. It is in Christ that we begin to appreciate spiritual things above carnal things. God only commits substances into your hands when He knows you will not consume it on your lust. That is the secret to abundance. If you are not self-restrained, God will have to restrain you so you do not injure your soul. Women, you are not meant to buy everything and follow trends, it brings haughtiness into your soul. There are some spirits we have bought by the clothes we wear. Be led by the Spirit even for what to wear.

1 Corinthians 13:5 KJV

(5) Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

Charity does not seek her own. A built man or woman is not rude; they do not speak anyhow. A woman should not speak to her head anyhow. A built person is not easily provoked; they do not have a short fuse. God wants you to be built, so He will work on you. And the way He will work on you is by leading, instructing and correcting you. In fact, sometimes, He will not have to instruct you personally when it gets to a point because you know His law, and when you break it, you quickly adjust



The spirit of divorce is creeping in from the West into Nigeria; spirits that teach you to fight for your right. Civilisation breaks men down, but revelation builds men up. There is a way the Spirit leads you and begins to talk with you when you have not done well, or when you have broken laws. As a man, there is nothing wrong with apologizing to your wife. The fact that you are the head does not mean you are always right. There is meekness in taking ideas from your wife. Your wife was given to you to be a help-meet. She is there to help you; she can bring suggestions that are really correct. The presence of the Lord will not be far from a home where the man and his wife are meek, easily responding to God. Such a home will have access and angels will be moving around bringing blessings.

God will tabernacle in such a home because they are obeying His laws. Will you pay the price to bring God down to your home? In such a home, you will not need to do too much for your children to connect God, because you have brought presence. In the same vein, you can bring demons to your home when you are always fighting, bickering and quarrelling.



Do not Harbour Unforgiveness

What is tearing many homes apart is unforgiveness. We are not perfect, that is why God told us to forgive. That we will not quarrel is a lie, but you should be quick to forgive and move past it.

Everlasting life is a life of the little ones, we should all be going through conversions of God to be smaller. Every instruction of God is to reduce you. If you obey it, you become small and lose reputation. These are the people that can carry the power of God. Big people will chase God far from them. Husband and wife, can you pay attention to being converted? Christ brings a level of meekness, and everlasting life brings the real conversion to be a child entering into the sphere of the dominion of God.

Matthew 18:3 KJV

(3) And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Every home is meant to carry dominion. God is interested in our homes; He wants to come and help us build, but for this to happen, we have to be ready to take His ways as He reveals them (Psm.25:4). You have to be ready to follow His instructions to be built. Do not let the devil lie to you that you cannot forget a hurt, your spirit is ready to forgive. Pick it from your spirit and run with it. A carnal person cannot do this. There is no formula that can be given to a carnal man to do this; there has to be change. There has to be readiness to grow. You cannot afford to stay in unforgiveness; it is death. Coming out of unforgiveness is coming out of death.

Colossians 3:13 KJV

(13) Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

A lot of women have fallen into different diseases and sicknesses because of unforgiveness. God can rekindle the love you once had for your spouse which has eroded due to offense and bitterness. You cannot afford to stay in unforgiveness. It is flesh that makes you stay in offence for too long.

Galatians 5:16 KJV

(16) This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Shortcomings do not go at once; it takes time. So, do not believe the lie of the devil that your partner does not love you because of their shortcomings. Forbear one another's shortcomings. Overlooking is a sign of maturity. Think about the number of things that the Lord has spoken to you about and how many of them you have responded to, but you want your partner to change immediately.

1 Peter 3:1 KJV

(1) Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

Many women are not following this scripture. We are quick to quote scriptures but are lacking in conversation. God is more concerned about our conversation than He is about our ability to quote scriptures.

1 Peter 3:2 KJV

(2) While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

May God teach us fear. You do not correct someone you reverence anyhow. God wants to change us so we can become gentle, pure, peaceable.

James 3:17 KJV

(17) But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

A wise couple is gentle. You cannot say you are wise when you are not gentle and peaceable; peace is a necessity in homes.

Romans 12:18 KJV

(18) If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

God wants you to live at peace with all men, how much more in your home? You have to let go of your right in order to live in peace.

1 Peter 3:10-11 KJV

(10) For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:

(11) Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.

The instruction is not just for marriages, it is also because we love life. We do not need to pray a lot of the prayers we pray in church if we obey scriptures. If we pray and fast to see good days and we cannot take a step in the Spirit, we are deceiving ourselves. We must obey the instructions of life to live. Evil is ravaging the earth more and more; all manner of sicknesses and diseases are ravaging the earth, but God has given us a way of escape - living by the laws of life.

You should not be dying in your marriage; insisting on your right is death. A sign of spirituality is your ability to easily forgive. Someone once told me that marriage is like a typewriter; as you are typing, if you see an error, you must delete it and keep typing. By the time you are done typing, there will be no error on the sheet because it is error-free. So, do not let any error remain in your memory sheet; delete it and keep going. Escape death by deleting every error - by forgiving.

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Gain life by obeying laws of life. When a woman is submitting, she is obeying the laws of the Spirit. You are not being archaic, you are living. The realm of the Spirit is calibrated by meeknesses. Do not wait for your husband to be meek before you can be meek, so you can live. It is a man and woman who are evolving that can do the will of God. We please the Lord with our lives. Expire Satan in your marriage. When you seek your own in your marriage, you cannot expire Satan. When I say your own, I'm talking about your ego and pride. There is a way your spouse can speak to you that you do not like, but can you die to that feeling? Do not change your conversation because of your spouse. Those who do the will of God and finish it are those who say, "My meat is to do the will of God and to finish it."



Gain Life by Dying more

We have been called to live the life of selflessness (Rom.5,8). We have been called to live and whether our spouse deserves it or not is beside the point. What matters is the need to gain life and you do not enjoy life to get it, you die to live. It is because you are foolish, that is why you are making excuses for your failure to walk in the spirit.

We all do not respond to God at the same degree. If you are the one with grace to respond faster, respond and help the other person up. Your conversation can help the other person to grow.

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Submitting to your husband can make you look foolish; but do your own. We are all answerable to God and He is the One that will reward us.

You live for God and focus on Him. Use your life to secure the purpose of God. In your home, you have to die and die again. As you are dying, you are living. You use your life to birth the purposes of God. Nobody ever does anything for God without their life going. When you lose your life, you'll discover you gain a better life than that.

When you grow, you do your part without expecting anything in return. Do not forget, as you are obeying God, He is working on your spouse. This is where we miss it. Most times, we obstruct God's work in our spouse because we want to do it ourselves. Leave your spouse to God and do your part.

For instance, you claim that your wife is not honouring you, can you begin to honour her? Speak positive things to her and treat her like a queen. Most times, we speak negative things to each other instead of positive things. It takes a high man, for instance, to buy his wife a gift after she offends him.

Women, do not just expect love and gifts from your husbands, give to your husband as well. Do not give just your money, give your heart as well, even when you feel you are not getting enough from your husband, it is a sign of maturity.

Romans 5:6 KJV

(6) For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

That is the life we have been called to live, but you get there gradually; you have to keep growing. As you are growing, you begin to appreciate the life God has called you to live. You understand that this is the life God is living, so you are determined to live like that as well. This can only happen because your eyes have been opened and you have received strength. God wants to raise aliens, do you want to be one of these aliens? Tell yourself that you will beat the wisdom of this world and the dragon. If you run your marriage by the wisdom of Christ and God, you will give pleasure to God.

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Keeping An Atmosphere of Peace

God is the One that initiated family and the man He wanted to make in His image does not only refer to the male man but mankind in general - male and female (Gen.1:26-28). When God made the male man, He gave him dominion and said it is not good for him to be alone (Gen.2:18). Adam was the one who called Eve woman, not God because she bears the womb of a man and was taken out of him. Adam had the authority given to him by God to name all things created. The woman came to be within the context of marriage. In the beginning, it was male and female, but when it came to marriage, he became man and woman. God raised marriage to have a family that can raise children for Him. Marriage is an everlasting ordinance that existed before the fall. Therefore, the laws to be operated in marriage are everlasting laws. Man needs to return to God to learn about marriage because the laws of man cannot keep marriage.

The real reason most marriages have issues is lack of knowledge, and this is why we need to go back to the originator to learn. Marriage is a school that you do not graduate from; you must be ready to sit and learn. The atmosphere of peace does not come by wishing; you must learn what to do. You must learn the way of peace. Learning in the institution of marriage is not a quick work, you keep learning until you die. Physical attributes do not matter in marriage; what matters is the state of the heart. You married a personality different from you, and this is who you will relate with in marriage, not their physical look.



Labour to keep Peace



We must be ready to labour to maintain an atmosphere of peace and be determined to let Jesus reign in our homes. Marriage is labour, and this labour is similar to a woman labouring to birth a child. Understand that you are going into marriage to war with spirits, you must join forces with heaven to fight. You must know that nature naturally favours evil and abhors good; spirits don't like your union and they will keep fighting till it breaks; hence, your determination and resilience

As a wife, the only thing you own is your husband and vice versa. Even your children are not yours; they are the heritage of the Lord. As a woman, God's instruction to you is to submit to your own husband.

Submission is death; it is not easy but you should submit to him in all things (Eph.5:22-23). We all have our responsibilities in marriage. While the man is the head who lays down his life and stands for the salvation of his family, the woman has the role of coming under the government of her husband.

Ephesians 5:24-26 KJV

(24) Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

(25) Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

(26) That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

Your authority as a man must reflect in your wife, you must have words to sanctify and cleanse your wife. God made families as an abode for Himself. To have a good church, there must be good families. If the man is the head of his home, it will not be difficult for him to submit to his Pastors and it will be easy for his children to submit to him as well. We must not forget God's order in the family, and this must always be maintained in the family.

It is a foolish woman that will fight her husband over matters that could have been handled with wisdom. For instance, if your husband demands that the children attend a low-tuition paying school, there is no need to bicker or stretch the discourse. If you have a problem with it, talk to the Lord about it. Besides, in looking for schools for your children, do not look for buildings or seek to fulfill your lust. Focus instead on the life and values imparted in such schools because this will reflect in your children's formation eventually.

Submission is to have a different opinion and still agree with your husband even when you do not fully understand him. The husband's words are laws in the home. Women must be ready to put down their will. Whatever you do in marriage must be based on the laws of the new life you have come into. Your children must see that it is God first in your home. It is wrong to speak ill of your husband before your children; you are destroying their innocence and their future. By the time they rebel, they will certainly come after you.

Ephesians 5:24 KJV

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To have your sons honour you as a man, love their mother, and to have your daughters honour you as a woman, love their father. God has put checks and balances in the home. Learn to submit your ideas as a woman because once you get married to a man, you have to submit to him in all things. This is why it is better to wait and ascertain if you are ready to pay the price. Ask if you're willing to put your head under a man before agreeing to get married to him. I also want to stress that you should trust the judgment of your leaders in the process of choosing a spouse. Only God knows who will truly follow Him till the end. He sees the heart and will ultimately reveal its intent. Men can pretend but God sees the heart. Do not be pressured to get married because you feel your "mates" are getting married; you don't have mates.

Pursue God and follow His path. Do not be pressured by what anybody is achieving. Thank God for them and understand that what you have in the natural does not determine who you are. When it is time, you will know it is time and doors will open to you.

Colossians 3:18 KJV

(18) Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.

God wants wives to submit to their husband in the Lord. You cannot submit without the knowledge of the Lord. It takes His knowledge to keep you from incessant argument.

Colossians 3:19 KJV

(19) Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.

You cannot be bitter against your wife even if your wife is insubordinate. Really, insubordination can cause bitterness if the heart is not guarded. You must not entertain the thought of bitterness, no matter the reason. Bitterness is evil and hurtful and births vengeance. This must not be found in you.

Relating with your children

Children must learn to obey their parents in all things (Col.3:20-22). God made all things for all to enjoy together if we can obey His laws. We are all in submission to the laws of the Lord. Allow your children to have access to you, guiding them to see things appropriately. The laws and life of our assembly must be well projected in the home. Even if you do not understand something the pastor said, believe it. We must be believers in the home and our children must know this. When we project or air opinions against what the leadership in church says, we can pass on a wrong spirit to our children. We must do all to have and maintain peace in the home. When we sow peace, we reap peace.

As a man, the wife and children are all bearing your name, you are the progenitor in the home. Learn to call your children to order and deal with the spirit of rebellion in your children. As parents, we are caretakers of the children and we should not coerce them into studying the career we want them to do and not what the Lord has ordained for them.

Children have their own expressions; let them grow successfully into it. Your children should not be afraid around you. Do not chase your children away from you.

Peace is something we must all work at. Peace is not silence; it is not the home being like a graveyard, it is God having dominion in the home. Sanctify your house by your words. Do not talk anyhow and make sure certain words are not said in your home. If you talk anyhow in the home, your children will copy and replicate this. You must honour each other with words; honour and respect with your words.

Handling conflict in the home

You should learn how to handle arguments whenever they ensue. Your husband is your brother and your wife is your sister. When there is conflict in the home, it means Satan has taken over, and there is nothing the enemy cannot sit on to make an issue. Do not sleep with bitterness but resolve conflicts before sleeping. Let us all work at having peaceful homes.

1 Peter 2:1 KJV

(1) Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,

We must raise the standard of the word high in our homes. We must raise a generation of righteous men in our homes. This work should not stop with us but should move to our children till they become men and women of peace.

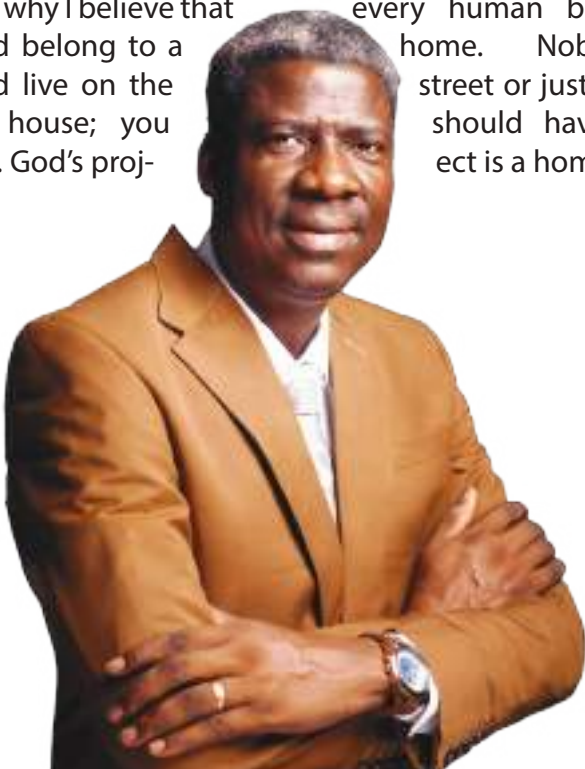
Ancient Wisdom for building Homes

- Rev. Busuyi Olabode

Home is commonly used to simply describe a physical building but a home is much more than that. Jesus, referring to His Father's house in John 14:2 describes it as a large place, a habitation, a dwelling. It is not a structural physical location but an institution. And this is God's project. This is not a project that came about because man fell, it has been from before the beginning.

It is possible to be in a house and not be at home. A family is a home. It is not easy to get a home as it is to get a house. There are things that make a home - things that make you feel at home in a house. We are looking at a home where you can be at home, and it is only God that can build such an edifice

The marriage institution was designed to be the offshoot of a home. That is why God said "it is not good that the man should be alone"; the man is not Adam, but humanity. Humanity should have a home. . Marriage came about because of the project called home. This is why I believe that every human being should belong to a home. Nobody should live on the street or just live in a house; you should have a home. God's project is a home.



Psalms 68:6 KJV

(6) God setteth the solitary in families: he bringeth out those which are bound with chains: but the rebellious dwell in a dry land.

God does not want anyone to dwell alone, He wants all to be in families. It is the rebellious that lives in a dry land. The reason many are beginning to live without God's values and standards is because they do not dwell in a home, but in dry lands. We might sound old school but ultimately, this is what will last. God has the home in His vision. Concerning church, we would not even have had it as we do today if man and woman had not fallen. God's ordination for eternal life is with families. If families are not properly built, we will not get eternal life, and this is why the church needs to return to the original pattern that God has for the family.

The only place where you can be yourself completely is the home. We can frame and organise church but we cannot frame a fake image in the home; we are ourselves at home. When the devil attacked the first man, the home died gradually. Cain broke down the house that was built. For Satan's seed to grow there, then you know exactly what the enemy had done. In church, we can deal with the sins of the flesh but where the sins of the souls are revealed is in the home. The next phase in the restorational project of God is to kill the devil in the house (home).

What we learn in the church should be taken to the house for that is where sons will be raised. The project of raising the home is a high project. What God is doing is not just for the children to get achievements in the natural. We have seen men go through heartaches because of dysfunctional children, despite being influential on earth.

Psalms 127:1 KJV

Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

The city is not a landscape, but a conglomeration of houses. Men who are raised are those who keep the gates of the city. The structure of the city is dependent on the house. It is what has been built that men can keep. The Lord keeps what He builds. Many of us want God to keep what He did not build. The builder is also a keeper.

Psalms 127:2-3 KJV

(2) It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

(3) Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

The house is for rest. It should be a place to rest, a place for people to run to. A home, when built, is when it becomes a safe place. A home does not just become a safe place, it is when it is built. It does not emerge well until many years; it takes time for the home to be built.

It is in the home the Lord has built that He can raise children who are arrows.

Psalms 128:2-3 KJV

(2) For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.

(3) Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.

To build the house is labour. Olive plants are the most holy properties and arrows are the Olive plants. They are weapons that have been fashioned and built for the future. The home is not just for you but for the children. Children here are not just biological, they are those who have integrated in the family system.

An ideal family must have people that are raised in the home asides biological children. The ideal is raising God's children and not just your own seeds. It is out of place to have a house and not have children raised there.

The project God is looking for are the offsprings He wants to have from the house. God wants Olive offsprings, children who are olive plants that carry the thrust of the blessing of eternal life and cannot turn away from life.

That's God's concept of a home, and this is why God picked Adam and Eve. It was to populate the earth with most holy children. To come into the reality of God's things, we must see into God's vision. Once we see this, it will not be difficult to align with it.

Psalms 128:1 KJV

Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD; that walketh in his ways.

You are not known as a man outside a woman. Without a womb, your efforts will not be seen as a man. What they see in the home is the wife and children.

Psalms 128:3 KJV

(3) Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.

Your wife is both your world and your table and this is why she can be concerned about the welfare of the children. It is at the table that resources are being displayed and what she eats as a woman is being served. She has been designed by God to raise the children. When you do not see how things are designed in the spirit, you will fall into regrets. Nourishment proceeds from the woman, and this is why Jesus will love the church for eternity. With all He has, He will not be able to express it without the church. Jesus knew that the Pharisees were not His materials. He invested all He had into His Church because He knows that the future of all He is, is the church.

The Home Builder

Every wise woman builds her house. Once you try to build a home system while neglecting your wife, you do not really have a home. The woman is the builder of the house, but a man can decide to be the builder of the house.

A woman must be taught and brought up on how to keep the house. The woman does not automatically know it as she is born, she must be taught. This is why older women must train the younger (Titus 2:5). A woman must be instructed overtime and learn that, by creation, she is a home keeper.

Your first profession as a woman is to keep the home. This is not just to maintain the house but to grow the home, letting the children move into their Olive status (cf Psalms 128:3) - children of much fruit.

It is in this office that makes a man the husband; there is a garden that he must 'husband'. This garden is the wife and he is supposed to husband the wife because of the garden. But not just for her, also for the children that will come out of that union. Children raised this way always stand out in church. To raise is not to grow in age physically alone, but more importantly to grow in age spiritually. If you say a thing and your wife has not said it, it has not fulfilled the intention of growth. If the words spoken by the man goes through the mother well, it becomes a law in the house and everyone aligns with it. The husband is meant to groom and grow the wife, while the wife does the same to the children. The way to wisdom and sanctification is by hearing and doing.

The Teaching Priest

Your ways cannot afford to be hid in the house as a man because it communicates your life. The job of a man is to be an example. He is to be raised as an example.

Mark 3:14 KJV

(14) And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach,

Jesus had His disciples with Him for the purpose of building, so He could send them out. But before sending them, they were to be with Him. The minimum standard for every man is holding the mystery of faith. This was the requirement for deacons, and all men must attain this. Being a deacon is not a title but a state to be attained (1Tim.3:13).

1 Timothy 3:8-9 KJV

(8) Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;

(9) Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.

A good degree is an estate you attain when the wisdom of faith has become a lifestyle. No one should be the head of the house without having life, which is the Christ life. This is how such a man can become a man of peace. A man should be bold in the faith and have a measure of certainty, which is the conviction of a life that he is boldly practising, and this life must be visible.

. If you are told to wait for sometime before getting married, it is not because they are delaying you, it is to give you time to attain growth and life. Pastors should not be involved in the daily intricacies of your home; you should know what to do. *Wanting your Pastors to instruct you in every aspect of life is not obedience or submission, but foolishness.*



A man should know what to do through the leading of the Spirit. We are raising sons, not puppies. You must know what to do because you have a spirit as well.

To build a home, the revelation of the Holy Ghost is not enough, you need Christ, because He is the wisdom of God; you get the wisdom for building in Christ. Some wisdom for solving issues can be found in the Holy Ghost but you need the wisdom of Christ to build. Christ has been made to us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. All our natural wisdom is foolishness and these are the things that look right to us - we were born foolish, we need wisdom from above. Mystery of faith is the leading of Christ. Your wife and children must know that you are a practitioner of Christ life.

1 Timothy 3:8-9 KJV

(8) Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;

(9) Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.

If your wife is not too sure that you are holding the mystery of Christ life, she will look elsewhere for it because she must serve something. You must come to a place where you are not rioting anymore but you are at peace with Christ. Peace is what you attain. It is what your wife knows about you that will give her trust to let go and trust in you as the man.

You must grow to a point where you do not feel lesser as a woman when your husband takes a step without informing you, where you can be at peace in such a situation. When Abraham was going to sacrifice Isaac, he did not tell Sarah. The liberty and freedom that the West preaches and pushes is unscriptural; whatever you can do or achieve without the cross is unscriptural. The design is for your husband to be over you as a woman. The sense of a natural man is nonsense. As a woman, you should stay humble and reverence your husband even when you have better ideas, you present them with humility. You are ordained to listen to your husband. The husband is a teaching priest that has the law, but the wife administers the law.

It is what you teach that your wife will distribute. Every man is a pastor in his home and this is why your home is bigger than you and your two children. Why are you still small?

The model (standard of God) is what they will use to mark you in the world to come. Who has come to life because of your life and conversation in the home? Who can report that because of your home, they came into life? You do not need the Pastor's utterance to teach in your home, say it in your own words. Teach your home, reemphasizing what the Pastor has taught. Preach and let your children know that it is what your Pastor taught you are teaching. Doing this creates streams of life to flow, and with this, you are creating a resting place for yourself.

Wise Counsel

Anger must be strange in your home, you should have a voice limit you don't exceed when addressing issues. The devil does not know what you are thinking except you say it out; it is only God that sees all. So you must have restraint on how you talk. This is a high law in the spirit. This is holding yourself from within till you have grace to say what you need to say (speaking graciously). As a man, it is what you call things that they are in the spirit. If you call a woman foolish, then that foolishness becomes anointed. So, you must learn how to address issues without naming your wife negatively.



A woman might have an embarrassing weakness, but you have to know that that woman is still your wife. You should not name it negatively because that thing you are seeing can grow worse once you negatively name it.

Genesis 2:19 KJV

(19) And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

Most times, when God gives you grace, He gives in areas your spouse is lacking. Do not be tired of the grace God has given you. It is your home and your wife, so keep using the grace God has given you in the area your spouse is lacking. Stop comparing your spouse with others, appreciate what you have and cover up for the weaknesses of your spouse.

Do not let the weaknesses of your spouse become a problem. Be apt to teach as a man. Do not shy from it, using your personality as an excuse. Your personality does not factor in, in this context; it is a duty. Stand up and do your work. Think about where Adam was when the serpent was talking to Eve; where was he?

Genesis 3:9 KJV

(9) And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

Woman, push it to your husband and let him talk. When he speaks, your environment is sanctified by it. If you don't speak, the devil will encroach into your home. Be bold as a man.

Ephesians 5:25-26 KJV

(25) Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

(26) That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

Husbands are instructed to love their wives. Many try to escape this commandment by pouring all the love on their children when the wife should be the priority. It is easier for a man to love his children and use his wife, but it is wrong to bypass your wife to love your children.

The instruction was given to love your wife, because naturally, there will be reasons not to love your wife. You must know that what is called love is beyond what you like, but commitment. Mystery of faith is that you have an evaluation beyond what eyes can see.

What God wants to raise in your life surpasses an immediate likeness. The physical attributes of a woman should not have enough force to tell a man about what life is obtainable in your home, it should not influence you. You must love your wife and be committed to seeing the best in her. A man should be sincerely open; there is no other place where you are to be naked than the house. If you are not vulnerable as a man inside the house, you will soon fall outside. Let your wife know your weak points before others outside. We should discover each other's weaknesses and see it as a means to know each other better. Home is not a place for lawlessness, but a place to be seen the way you are. Loving your wife involves commitment. You have to be committed, and commitment looks for things that are likeable. Identify things that are loveable about your spouse and magnify them above their weaknesses; everyone has things about them that can be loved and admired.

The Home Builder

(Unveiling the Wise Woman in God's Wisdom)

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God's purpose for marriage is that His life will be replicated and multiplied on earth. His primary intention for making man was to have His nature and life flourish on earth, to have His household occupy the face of the earth. We see that when God made man, He told him to be fruitful and multiply, replenish, subdue and have dominion (Gen.1:28). There was something He had in mind when He was blessing them. He wanted them to replicate and multiply His kind of life. Little wonder, the first couple that started marriage had life in them, they were not carnal at all; it was sin that degraded them.

The advent of sin replicated an alien life, a civilization alien to what God created and this seed has indeed multiplied till date, with its fruits in natures like beastiality, LGBTQ, malice, among others. God wants His kind of life to fill the earth and His desire is to make it generational, as is the case of Timothy's grandmother and mother who transferred the virtue of faith to him.

2 Timothy 1:5 KJV

(5) When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

Today, people have different reasons for getting married. We are thankful to God that His purposes for homes are being unveiled in this season.

Whenever anyone can comprehend this vision, a number of things will be settled.

Building a household of faith is a core vision in God's heart.

This was why God loved David and he became special to God because he pierced beyond his generation to see into God's core desire which is to build Him a house (Psalms 132:4-5).

The building of strong homes is how God replenishes the earth with His life and principles, and this is why building is very paramount in God's heart.

Without building, worship cannot be accomplished. It is a built house (soul) that can offer up spiritual sacrifices to God.

1 Peter 2:5 KJV

(5) Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

If a home is not built up according to pattern, it cannot offer anything to God. There is a pattern in God's mind for households, so homes must be built according to that pattern in order to bring pleasure to God just as Moses was instructed to build according to the pattern shown to him in the mount (Exodus 25:40).



This is a sure way families can generate pleasure to God, when they are built.

Building is not something abstract; there is a pattern in God's heart for households, and there must be willingness in our hearts to please Him. As individuals, we must settle in our heart the desire to please the Lord; whether in marriage, career, and every other aspect of life. Once that is settled, every other thing will fall in place. It takes a measure of fear to build. Fear, in this context, is honour, reverence, and love for the Lord.



The Bible records that after Noah received God's instructions for building the ark, he moved with fear to obey.

Hebrews 11:7 KJV

(7) By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

If we lack this kind of fear, we will not be able to build according to pattern. God was able to judge the unrighteousness on earth because Noah obeyed. God was only able to judge when a people (Noah and his household) came into obedience. Noah could have come up with different excuses about building the ark but he did not because he feared the Lord. How much do you revere God in your heart and in your home? Reverence is revealed in how you respond to the words God brings.

A Wise Woman

A wise woman is one that fears the Lord, one that can be easily reached by the Lord. Women must be persons whose actions can be checkmated by the Holy Spirit. Even when angry, as soon as the Holy points out those areas, there is a swift response required to be seen. Anyone who fears and reveres the Lord will give up their rights and let go of their anger. A life that the Holy Spirit and the word cannot check is doomed for destruction.

Proverbs 31:30 KJV

(30) Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

It was fear for the Lord that fuelled the virtuous woman's action. It was out of a heart of reverence for the Lord that she could bring out all the things that were written about her. The fear of God is shown in how much a person loves understanding. How can you fear the Lord if you do not know Him and how can you know Him if you do not have understanding of His person? A woman that fears the Lord is a woman of understanding. Fear for the Lord is where everything starts from. You must check yourself; consider how much desire you have for the Lord. How far do you want to go with the Lord? How much do you revere the Lord? That is where building starts from. A wise woman is one that loves the Lord, His word and the revelation of His will.

A Wife and A virtuous wife

Scripture refers to finding a wife and how it is favourable for the man to achieve this.

Proverbs 18:22 KJV

(22) Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.

However, there is a higher level to this and it is finding a virtuous woman whose price is far above rubies. This kind of woman must also be sought for, not every wife becomes virtuous.

Proverbs 31:10 KJV

(10) Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

Proverbs 14:1 KJV

(1) Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.

A wife is different from a wise woman. You are to start from being a wife and grow into a wise woman (Prov.8:11). A virtuous woman is also a wise woman, and what fills up that gap is understanding. You must grow in understanding as a wife to become a virtuous woman. If you detest knowledge, you cannot be built as a woman. Revelation is not for show, it is for building and you must prioritize it. That is how you migrate from being just a wife to become a wise or virtuous wife. You must value the things committed to you by the Lord for they reveal the state of your heart to journey with God.

Jesus has things God committed to Him which He also wants to give His true followers. These are not restricted to a class of persons but it is an open call to every believer. In Matt. 7:24, Jesus stated that whosoever hears Him and does what He says shall be considered a wise person. This means it does not matter who you are, as long as you can take the things of the Lord, you can become wise.

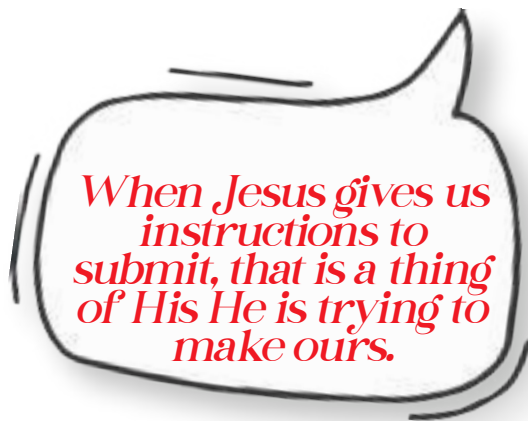
Matthew 7:24 KJV

(24) Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

John 16:15 KJV

(15) All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

Jesus has the “things of mine”, those were the things God made known to Him by declaration. When Jesus tells you to submit, He is not demanding something He has not done. Jesus is a prime example of what it means to submit. Jesus was also God, but He submitted to the Father to become man (Phil. 2:5-7). Jesus had reputation but He decided to lay down His reputation. This was the king of glory that reduced Himself to a bond servant and became man. He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death (Phil. 2:8). This is the mind of Jesus, and this is the kind of mind you must have in marriage. So, as a wife, even if you are a professor and your husband is a plumber, you must come under his authority as the head of the home.



As a man, when Jesus is telling you to love your wife as He loved the church, He is asking for sacrificial love. He is talking about the same way He loved us despite not deserving it (Rom. 5:7-8). Jesus loved us while we were yet sinners. We all have our definition of love as man, but God has His own love. When you are loving your wife when she does not deserve it, that is when you are doing the 'Mine' (God's) love. Loving your wife when she does not respect you is doing the 'Mine' love. Christ did not die for us when we were okay or doing well, but when we were still dead in our sins.

Matthew 7:24 KJV

(24) Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

How do Their Mine become our mine? It is by declaration.

The second thing to note in this scripture is “sayings”. What are these sayings? They are the sayings of God. We have our own sayings and there are a lot of sayings going around us, but the only saying that must stand is Their sayings.

Let's look at how the virtuous woman lived for her husband. When all her attributes were described, they were in reference to her husband.

Proverbs 31:11-12 KJV

(11) The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

(12) She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

If you are asking if what I'm saying is that a woman should live for her husband? Yes, that is exactly what I'm saying. As a wife, your life revolves around your husband; that is the mind of Jesus. Our Lord Jesus lost His identity in the GodHead forever because of His submission to the Father. When we get to heaven, we will see Jesus as man; He is now forever man. He wasn't a man before the world began, He was God, but He laid down His life for us. Even now, He is constantly making intercession for us by laying down His life. So, losing your identity for your husband is having the mind of Jesus. I pray God gives you eyes to see these things.

You must make sure that what you are hearing about marriage is not what obtains in the world or other people's experiences, rather, ensure you are hearing the mind of Jesus. And after you have heard these sayings of Jesus, the next thing is to do them because the sayings are not one, they are many.

Matthew 7:25 KJV

(25) And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

Issues of life will come as rain to wash the life you have gathered away. However, when you are hearing the sayings and doing them, you will be able to withstand the forces of destruction.

Matthew 7:25 KJV

(25) And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

On the other hand, the foolish man is the one hearing the sayings but not doing them. The foolish man is also building, just that his building is different from that of the wise man. The foolish man's building is established on the sand.

Matthew 7:26 -27 KJV

(26) And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

(27) And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.



The foolish man faced the same conditions the wise man faced but he could not withstand those forces; so great was his fall

Hearing the sayings and doing them is, for instance, endeavouring to be hospitable after hearing teachings that address hospitality; that way, you are building as a wise woman. Building is line upon line, precept upon precept, it is to be done one after the other. Even if you do not yet have the strength, have the heart. You must be willing to obey Jesus' sayings.

Becoming a virtuous wife

The wife that becomes a virtuous woman has gained life; that means she loves understanding. You gain life by hearing and doing. You cannot become a virtuous woman if you do not love understanding. It is when light comes that we know what to do. Our own righteousness are filthy rags, and it takes light for us to see that. It is possible to be sincerely wrong, but when understanding comes, relinquish that darkness.

Titus 2:3-5 KJV

(3) The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

(4) That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

(5) To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

That is why old women are instructed to teach younger women how to love their husbands and children because they can be sincerely wrong and ignorant. Some young women do not understand that discipline is part of love. Part of loving a child is chastening and correcting the child.

When you start as a wife, you are meant to grow to become a virtuous wife. However, the man has a part to play in this, that is why he is called the bridegroom.

A Wife and A virtuous wife

Men are meant to coach their wives from being wives till they become virtuous women. As a husband, you must have life because that is what you will use to coach your wife. You do not coach a woman aggressively, you do it by praying and with much patience. The first sign of love you should show your wife is wanting her to be virtuous. For instance, if your wife is not able to pray because the baby is distracting her or house chores are too much, you should support her so that she can have extra time to hear the word and pray. You must be able to sanctify your wife and patiently allow her grow. Do not be impatient; think about how Jesus is patient in purifying us and He still does not withdraw His benefits from us. Be like your heavenly Father as a man and do not withdraw benefits because your wife is not yet responding to your grooming. Be like Christ to your wife.

You cannot please the Lord and walk worthy of Him without understanding. Understanding deals with ignorance; it teaches men to love their wives and women to submit to their husbands.

Proverbs 24:3 KJV

(3) Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established:

Understanding teaches because we really do not know how to build; we need God to build. A virtuous woman is a woman of understanding. You need understanding so you can walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him (Col.1:9-10).

The whole essence of our living is to please the Lord (Eccl. 12:13-14).

If God's standard has been revealed and you are struggling with it, then you need grace because that is what your life is about - to fear God and keep His commandments. You must be willing to do God's commandments; understanding that is the conclusion of the whole matter. You cannot judge disobedience until your obedience is complete. This is why you must obey commandments, not just for yourself, but for the generations to come. For your children's sake, please respond to God.

Psalms 22:30-31 KJV

(30) A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation.

(31) They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done this.

Your walk with God is not just for you, it is also for the generation coming after you. If you obey God, it will be easier for the generations after you to obey God as well. This is what happened to Timothy, the walk of his grandmother and mother translated to life and acceleration in the spirit for him. The same thing happened with Abraham who had a covenant with God that translated to life for his children. That is why today, God is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; it was due to Abraham's obedience. A man fearing God and keeping His commandments is a blessed man (Ps. 128:4-6).

Noah judged wickedness in the world by obedience so he became the heir of righteousness. In the same vein, a virtuous woman should determine in her heart that she will not lose life in her marriage. For posterity sake, she should be willing to obey the Lord. The mandate of the Lord for man to replenish the earth will be difficult if we do not obey the Lord; we should gain and replenish life.

Proverbs 31:11-15 KJV

(11) The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

(12) She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

(13) She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.

(14) She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.

(15) She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

We see here that the virtuous woman cares for her entire household. This is prominent; she did not only cater for her biological children but also her household. That is why you must not have a 'small' mentality; you need abundance in all areas, including financially, to raise a household.

It is hard to be hospitable when there are no resources to give. Imagine when the angels came to Abraham's household, and they did not have anything at home, they would not have been able to take care of them. Do not let the devil limit your mind with poverty; poverty and God do not couple together. The devil always seeks to make us small. For instance, when Pharaoh wanted to allow the Israelites to go, he told them not to go with their resources (their flock and herds). He said they should leave their resources since they wanted to worship God. That is a lie of the devil to make us think natural resources are not important.

Exodus 10:24-26 KJV

(24) And Pharaoh called unto Moses, and said, Go ye, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be stayed: let your little ones also go with you.

(25) And Moses said, Thou must give us also sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice unto the LORD our God.

(26) Our cattle also shall go with us; there shall not an hoof be left behind; for thereof must we take to serve the LORD our God; and we know not with what we must serve the LORD, until we come thither.

Thankfully, Moses had understanding and refused to leave the resources behind. They are also important for worship. If you do not have resources, it will be difficult to accommodate many people in your household to impart life. For example, the virtuous woman was enterprising and resourceful, so she had abundance to cater for the people in her household.

The virtuous woman was not lazy or confused, she knew the kind of enterprise to do to bring in resources for her household (Prov. 31:16-20).

Proverbs 31:21-22 KJV

(21) She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.

(22) She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.

Look at the kind of clothing she clothes her household in - scarlet; that was an expensive apparel in ancient times. This is why I believe children should dress well. It is not about wearing fanciful clothes, but making sure it is clean. Build self esteem in your children also.

Proverbs 31:23-24 KJV

(23) Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.

(24) She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.

The virtuous woman inspires her husband to aim for greatness. She is a kind woman and her words are kind (Prov.31:25-28). She watches over her household, her husband and children. As a wife, ensure everybody in your household does well - spiritually and in all areas of their lives. Watch over them, ask them questions and inspire them all to grow on all sides. Everyone should be developing.

Proverbs 31:29 KJV

(29) Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.

The virtuous wife excels beyond and above all other women.

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