

The Quality Of Marriage That Facilitates Ministry

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Marriage is God's primary institution on Earth, and by extension, Family is the precursor to the Church.

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Truth be told, not every marriage can help ministry flourish. There are kinds of marriage that promote frustration of ministry and put growth in jeopardy. Unfortunately, many marriages of couples in ministry are inadvertently on autopilot for ministry frustration.

Let's look at five ways to build a marriage that helps ministry to grow effectively.

1. Make Your Marriage Your Highest Priority After God

1 Timothy 3:1-5

- Choosing to invest in it.

Giving it the time and emotional energy that it needs, even when the demands of ministry are pulling at you from several directions.

- An issue of boundaries and balance.

Knowing where to draw the lines and embracing relational health of your spouse and children. Ministry, family and personal lives must be balanced.

- Ensuring that the relationship does not get second best in your heart.

2. Renew Your Mind To God's Original Will And Prescriptions Concerning Marriage

- Emotional and psychological detachment from parents to form a brand new unit is non-negotiable. Genesis 2:24; Psalms 45:10

- Wives must submit to the leadership of their husbands and husbands must accept the responsibilities of unconditional love and leadership over their wives and family. Ephesians 5:22-33

- Understand the trinity of marriage and accept the sanctity of marriage. Divorce is not the option to marital crisis.

Ecclesiastes 4:12; Matthew 19:6; Malachi 2:16-17

3. Take Personal Responsibility For The Health Of Your Relationship Especially With Regards To Ministry Development. Genesis 3:12-13; Hebrews 11:11

- Passion shows mostly with taking responsibility.

- If you're not passionate about seeing your marriage work it will definitely hurt your assignment.

- When you blame and criticise your partner for the state of your relationship or ministry, happiness and growth will always elude you.

- It works like a slow death when we let our mood or negative emotion get on the way of divine assignment.

4. Decide To Work As A Team

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

As a team, Husband and wife should:

- Work and walk together under God to accomplish God's purposes for your union and divine assignment.
- Apart from principal and traditional roles of reproduction and production assigned to Adam and Eve, specific roles vary from family to family and may change from time to time but the roles should be agreeable to each partner.
- Cooperate and not Compete.

Competitiveness is probably the most dangerous element that a husband and wife face in a cooperative marriage.

Cooperative living... is complementary, not competitive.

In competition, you accent your rights, rather than responsibilities. In cooperative, partners complement each other by capitalising on their individual strengths to maximize productivity and fulfillment.

5. Never Do Ministry At The Expense Of Your Spouse's Emotional Welfare

This is where most marriages get in the way of ministry growth.

- A spouse whose emotional welfare is ignored may by way of adverse reaction constitute a burden to the ministry instead of asset.
- Create intentional times together with your spouse not only to discuss ministry but to relax.
- Re-invent your bedroom fellowship.

Holiness does not forbid good love making between married partners. Infact, good sex born out of quality relationship enhances ministry ease. Do not deprive your spouse because you are always busy with ministry/church work.

In conclusion,

Your marriage/family is your primary ministry/church. Pay good attention to the health of your relationship.

Marriage is a ground for breeding maturity and genuine character that makes godly ministry.

Do all you can to draw grace of being a good shepherd at home as much as you're outside. Don't be a darling mummy or daddy in Church and a wolf at home.

It is difficult to raise and lead good couples and home with solid foundation when your marriage is a bad example. You struggle to market what you don't model.