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Raising Great Kids As You Build a Great Marriage

REMEMBER:

Gen 2:20-25 Leaving>Cleaving=ONENESS

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. 21 So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. 22 Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. 23 The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." 24 *For this reason* a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. 25 The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame. NIV

- We leave mom and dad to completely become one with our spouse.
- Although traditions and family can be very valuable, the reality is that you as a couple must establish what the Lord has for your family. That takes more than a feeling, it means being intestinal in what you want and do not want.
- “Without a vision the people cast off restraints” Prov 29:18
 - Be sure your kids know what you are about
 - Be sure they know your prayerful vision for them
- Key is that the man and his wife no longer function as two but one. When they functioned as two they ended up disobedient and sin entered the world.
 - God does not bless disunity
 - Interestingly as one they decided to hide themselves from God. They knew their sin. Oneness coming from a covenant marriage produces understanding of a couples’ relationship before God.

IS EVERYBODY HAPPY? OR YOU CAN’T GIVE WHAT YOU DON’T HAVE!

Prov 18:21

21 The tongue has the **power of life** and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit. NIV

- This is about living out the Word of God in your day to day life.
- As we speak life to each other in our marriages, we also speak life to our children
 - The order is: Life from God > Life into our spouse/marriage > Life into our children.
 - **LIFE contains:**
 - >Taking notice: pay attention to each other and to the kids> things noticed and affirmed speak value to another. Thanksgiving
 - > Talk and listen. Time: We give value to another.
 - > Truth, and Trust
 - >Togetherness as a couple and in parenting:
 - >Teaching: your lifestyle teaches better than anyone else can.

Deut 6:6-9 Teaching Parents

6 These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. NIV

- Get the foundation done before you build the house up
- The parents vision has to come from their oneness and combined vision:
 - Are “these commandments given by God upon your heart”?
 - Out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks Matt 12:34
 - How can we expect the kids to follow when we are scattered?
 - Do you model for them:
 - Personal devotional times?
 - The value of church and fellowship
 - Christ centered values as opposed to the worldly values?
 - The fruit of the Spirit:
Gal 5:22-23
22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.
 - From your oneness the children can grow in security and strength.
 - Your obedience and unity as a couple can now “impress” the things of God upon them.
 - The key word here is **YOU**. You impress, your teach, when you....
 - When the YOU is the result of being ONE then you can really touch the hearts of the Children as you live out your marriage covenant before them.