

Men are From Dirt & Women are From Men

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Vision

What Were You Thinking?

Proverbs 29:18 God Wants Vision for Our Marriages

¹⁸Where there is no *vision*, the *people perish*: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he. KJV

¹⁸Where there is no *revelation*, the *people cast off restraint*; but blessed is he who keeps the law. NIV

- > God desires us to have a vision for our life, our marriage, our family etc.
- > The challenge is the what “vision” means to men and women respectively. It does not always look the same on the outside.
- > Key from Prov. 29> LIFE and SELF CONTROL are the fruit of a Godly vision for your marriage.
- > Becoming a *more mature person* is just as honoring to God as is doing *the right things*.
Having a Godly vision unites both together.

Film Clip “The Perfect Spouse”

1. How real are these different scenarios?
2. Where does this kind of thinking come from?
3. What does this type of internal “vision” do to planning a future for your marriage?

Matthew 22:27 The Greatest Commandment for a Vision

³⁴Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. ³⁵One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: ³⁶“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

³⁷Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

- > A Christ centered vision for your home must have this core truth to grow from.
 - > Two basic principles form this foundation: Love the Lord fully, love others fully.
 - > The vision for your marriage must **reflect this truth** no matter what direction it takes.
 - > Although we may approach it differently, your marriage vision must be Him!
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Romans 12:4-8 God's Plan for Fulfilling His Vision for Your Marriage

⁴ Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. ⁷ If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; ⁸ if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

> We see vision/purpose differently....not **WRONG** just **DIFFERENT**



Men: Driven by ambition to accomplish something > opening the door to the next thing.

Men will look ahead first. then behind to see if someone is coming (wife?)

Planning a vision is always for "success" in whatever that includes for him:

- > It is critical that He has biblical truth as a "success".
- > Having godly men-mentors is important for him to establish and keep a Christ centered vision for himself and his marriage.
- > Fulfilling his wife's calling as part of the "mission" of the marriage is key in having a vision that gives life to both husband and wife.

Women:

Driven by relationships that open a door to a web of connections building a community.

Women will look ahead with a very intentional rear view mirror. NO one gets left left behind (even her husband!).

Planning a vision is always for success in whatever that includes for her:

- > It is critical that the security of scripture surrounds her.
- > Having mature married women that respect their husbands is important for her to focus on the vision God has through her in her marriage.
- > Fulfilling her calling as part of the "mission" of the marriage. It is key in having a vision that creates family, community, and security.



The Marriage Vision Bill of Rights: Dr Larry Keefauver

Or how to stay on the same vision page as your spouse in your marriage.

I have the right to encourage you daily.

I have the right to build you up, not tear you down. I have the right to affirm you every time you succeed.

I have the right to encourage you every time you win or lose.

I have the right to comfort you when you hurt.

I have the right to protect you when you are attacked. I have right to pray for you without ceasing.

I have the right to defend you from every weapon formed against you.

I have the right to esteem and honor you.

I have the right to pick you up when you fall. I have the right to speak life to you.

I have the right to love you unconditionally.

I have the right to respect you in front of others.

I have the right to find out your needs and meet them and to diagnose your hurts and heal them.

I have the right to serve you at any time.

I have the right to ask God to give you wisdom.

I have the right to bless you.



Our rights released, build a vision foundation together.