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Topic: Christian home and what to do to protect our marriage

In a time like this, there are a lot of things that are going on in people's life, marriage, career. There are confusion, unfaithfulness, insincerity, deceits, pride, famine, disobedience, hatred between husband and wife, scarcity of resources to survive, hatred for serving God(The Creator).

Any marriage that is not protected will be a victim of marital destroyers. That is the reason you need to protect your marriage from the enemies of marriage in order for them not to pull it down. How can we protect our relationship/marriage under this condition?

2 Timothy 3:1-7 ; 1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2 Timothy 3:2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

2 Timothy 3:3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

2 Timothy 3:4 Traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

2 Timothy 3:5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

2 Timothy 3:6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

2 Timothy 3:7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 1. Always see Jesus at the center of your relationship/marriage

Hebrews 12:2 *"Looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith, Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the Shame and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God"*

In a time like this, Jesus has the authority to stop the storm as He commanded the storm to be calmed and the storm calmed - Luke 8:24,

And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm."



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No matter how strong the storm is, Jesus is capable of stopping it. Never allow what is going on in time of (trouble, unsettled life, famine, scarcity, unloving, unfaithfulness, insincerity to destroy your relationship with your partner or spouse. They are storm and wind they can not overpower or overwhelm you if you see Jesus as the Authority over them in your marriage. You cannot capsize if Jesus is found in your ship and focus on Him.

2. Seal up your mind against any unpleasant statement that may come out of your spouse. There is hostility. Not withstanding. This should not be allowed to cause problems for your beautiful marriage. In a time like this, several statements do come out of husband or wife against each other. This has caused a lot of disagreement and unsettled misunderstanding, which has led many marriages in chaos.

First of all, unpleasant statement is not allowed or permitted according to the word of God. Husband and wife should be conscious of their statement toward each other.

Colossians 4:6 Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

Be sincere in your speech toward each other. Do not abuse each other. Rather, bless each other with good word. In a situation where an unpleasant speech is said by any of you, never allow it to damage your marriage but see it as mistake.

3. Have time to time round table discussions with your partner or spouse Isaiah 1:18 "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord..." This is the time for husbands and wives or Singles in relationship to reason together in many things with their spouses and partners. Meet and discuss how you can have better relationship with each other. Discuss how to manage your resources in order not to have rift with each other. Discuss your future together now. With the situation on ground, many couples or Singles had forgotten their future because of the present which they are battling with. Be meeting to update each other of your achievements. You must not be busy not to be meeting to do the needful, which is meeting to discuss on a regular basis. Doing this will bring solution to many things in your relationship or marriage.



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4. Build solid forgiveness skills. Forgiveness in a time like this goes a long way in relationship or marriage. Any man or woman who finds it very difficult to forgive his or her partner in a time like he may find it difficult to be successful in relationship or marriage.

Forgiveness is one of the pillars that can hold any relationship or marriage in a time like this.

Ephesians 4:31-32 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

If you can not forgive, you can not forge ahead properly in you relationship or marriage. Adam still carried on with his wife, Eve after she caused their exit from their comfort zone. If you have been finding it difficult to forgive before now, there is a need to build the skill. So that, it will make you having good life with your partner or spouse in a time like this. 5. Do not get angry at each other. Sincerely speaking, just a little thing can trigger or steer up your anger in a time like this.

Remember that anger can destroy and can never repair. Avoid it, because its consequences are not good for your relationship or marriage.

Psalms 37: 8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath, fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

When you can act based on your negative emotions, you might make the wrong decisions, so take your time to calm down before doing anything.

Proverbs 29:22 "People with quick tempers cause a lot of quarreling and trouble"(Good news).

When someone is angry, they might take out their emotions on other people and cause problems and fights. Therefore, avoid getting angry in a time like this in order to disallow any misfortune in your relationship or marriage. Love your partner or spouse rather than getting angry at him or her.



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6. Be transparent no matter how. Transparency is the vehicle of faithfulness or sincerity in relationship or marriage. When you are transparent, your spouse will be faithful or sincere with you.

Don't hide what you suppose to reveal to your spouse. In fact, don't have skeleton in your cupboard.

Proverbs 11:3 The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.

- * Be transparent in your speech.

- * Be transparent in your actions

- * Be transparent financially

What Transparency Does:

Transparency will bring trust. It will pave way for real love. It will facilitate progress in relationship or marriage.

7. Be generous in a time like this. Generosity is the master of stinginess. Generosity opens more doors for breakthrough. With the little in your hand, be open unto your partner or spouse

Proverbs 22:9 *"Blessed are those who are generous, because they feed the poor."*

There is blessing in being generous. Be generous to your spouse and never being stingy. God of surplus is still available to provide for you bountifully.

Philippians 4:19 *"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."*