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DAILY DOCTRINE

Marriage: Interrelationship Responsibility

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1. The buck stops with the husband. He is the leader and is responsible for the direction of the marriage. He is to lead and protect.
2. The husband has the responsibility of initiating and expressing mental attitude love to the wife even if she does not follow his leadership.
3. The wife is at her feminine best, with all the glory and majesty of her inner beauty, only when she is in a position to respond.
4. If she does not respond to his leadership, she will come under the control of the OSHGEN and react in one of two ways:
 - a. Become bitter and frustrated and nag her husband.
 - b. Practice some form of escapism (e.g. drinking, getting inordinately involved in social activities or in the lives of others).
5. God has given the man and woman capacity for divine love, but the OSHGEN distorts and perverts love into some type of existential emotional narcissism.
6. Mental attitude love is a tremendous source of strength in the adversities and difficulties of life. It is practical as well as idealistic.
7. When two people love each other, they look out of the benefit of the *other*. In such love there is never an attempt to hurt or compete with the lover.
8. The interrelationship between husband and wife must be one of cooperation rather than one of competition.
9. The doctrinal Spirit-filled wife does not want to dominate her husband. She respects his leadership and really believes it is God's will for her to build her life around him—not friends or children or work. She really believes God has called her to make him her earthly lord, 1 Pet. 3:6.
10. The husband is the head of the home. This does not mean that the wife has no rights. She has her rightful place at home, and it should be a place of honor, not a place of degradation.

11. Christ is the Savior of the body (the church) and the husband is the savior of the woman's body—psychologically. A woman's health and attitudes often depends upon how she responds to her husband. There is a sense in which the husband is the guardian of the woman's soul.
12. Where there is marital failure, there is *always* a breakdown of divine mental attitude dynamics in the wife or husband or both.
13. When there are marital problems, it is incumbent upon the husband to find out what to do about the situation.
14. One of the most important factors in marriage is 1 John 1:9—the more time logged in spirituality, the better the marriage will be. The husband and wife are responsible for their own spiritual lives before the Lord. The husband or wife who does not live under the ministry of the Holy Spirit will get distracted and will never develop the divine perspective of marriage—will never understand the divine design of marriage.
15. Filling of the Holy Spirit and knowledge of Bible doctrine are essential for a marriage to get better and better every year.
16. The stability of such a marriage is derived from the application of doctrine under the Holy Spirit. Such a marriage is a tremendous witness for the LJC.
17. The marriage that is guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit and Bible doctrine is often a springboard for the declaration of the gospel to others—who for the most part do not have peace in their marriage.
18. Conversely, the declaration of the gospel is neutralized by failure in this realm.
19. Marital strife hinders prayer, which is one of the most important things in a marriage, 1 Pet. 3:17.
20. Apart from growth in and adjustment to Truth, marital strife adds layer and layer of dislike, distaste, and animosity year after year. How sad and how unnecessary given that God has provided the Holy Spirit and the Word of God to make marriage the most blessed relationship in life. It always comes back to volition and adjustment to God's Word and Plan.

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