SERMON OUTLINES



MESSAGE 5: KINGDOM HOMES

THY KINGDOM FAMILY

SUGGESTED PASSAGE: "Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, your children like olive plants around your table." – Psalm 128:3

"Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth." - Genesis 1:28

MESSAGE GOAL: The home, when led by a successful husband and father, not only brings blessing to his own life but enables his wife and family to fulfill their divine destinies as well. In this sermon you want to guide the congregation into scripture that outlines the covenant of marriage as God defines it.

SERMON IDEAS:

- Begin with the building blocks of a home. The walls that stabilize, the roof that covers, and the doors that provide entry into a saving knowledge of Christ. Now build this theme into the sermon as the key demonstration of how God has positioned the godly marriage within the home.
- Challenge the church to pick an unexpected way to serve their spouses this week.
- Engage in a dialogue about the Kingdom Family with the church. Set aside an evening, weekend, or conference dedicated to teaching principles on the Kingdom family.

INTRODUCTION: When it comes to the decision to marry a woman, the man must take a few things into account before committing to such an important life moment. For starters, you should consider the ramifications of making such a powerful statement of trust, faith, and hope in a covenant of marriage. It is not to be taken lightly.

Marriage has been built by God and ordained as a demonstration of His love and grace in the world. Peter teaches that believers must take marriage as seriously as God does through an exhortation to husbands in honoring their wives, "as co-heirs of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered" (1 Peter 3:7). The covenant of marriage is so serious that He links fellowship with Him to the fellowship that exists between husband and wife. Breaking the covenant of marriage is to break a covenant with God.

The walls of marriage are held up by the love and support of a godly and Christian demonstration of love between a husband and wife. However the roof is to be sustained by the husband. God has equipped and given authority to husbands to uplift and provide stability to the covenant of marriage as a kingdom man. Ephesians 5:22-32 outlines the wife's role in a marriage, but men don't think that this is a role of submission to a lazy king. Paul describes absolute submission to God by husbands through the role and act of submission by a wife to their husbands. A kingdom man loves his wife as Christ loved the church, or in other words, a kingdom man loves his wife till death due them part. A kingdom man is willing to sacrifice everything for her salvation, well-being and sanctification.

VIDEO OPTION: "All you are Destined to Be"; God's transformative power in changing lives for His purposes.

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Psalm 128 progresses through integrity within the personal life of a kingdom

man, to his marriage as ordained by God, and finally to his children. Children are described as young olive trees around the table. The table is a theme that has been lost through the sands of time, and sadly, culture. When a young olive plant is cared for and nurtured it will grow into an olive tree that can produce fruit for more that two thousand years. Similarly the house held up by the walls of marriage, with a roof supported by a kingdom man, must provide entry for children through the doors of salvation. Build the home around the table. With everything in motion, one of the greatest gifts we can give our children is stability.

POINT #1: God's Blueprints for the family: Psalm 128 – It's your job to lead your family to understand, love, and embrace the values of the kingdom of God.

POINT #2: Making a kingdom marriage: Ephesians 5:25, 28 – Be willing to be a kingdom spouse by loving them sacrificially. Pray that your marriage is made a visible representation of the gospel.

POINT #3: No perfect dads, only a perfect Father: Ephesians 6:4 – Thank God for His perfect fatherhood. Ask Him for help with specific areas of your parenting that are falling short of His example.

