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Power Couple

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#1 The family is a 'world in miniature', where life lessons are learned!

#2 A Biblical marriage Exalts the woman and demands Leadership by the man!

#3 A Biblical marriage relationship will teach healthy lifelong values to children!

#4 Sin messes up everything!

1 Peter 3:7 (ESV)

Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

The term 'The woman' translates a rare word meaning, more literally the 'feminine one'. This is all about Point #2 A Biblical marriage Exalts the woman and demands Leadership by the man! Certainly, this covers physical make up. Men have 20% more muscle mass than women. But also, this proclaims that the woman with her fine-tuned sensitivities and relational awareness should be protected and honored. This includes understanding that would be beneficial to the husband-wife relationship: understanding of the wife's desires, goals, and frustrations; understanding of her strengths and weaknesses in the physical, emotional and spiritual realms. A husband who lives according to such understanding will greatly enrich his marriage relationship—yet such understanding can only be gained through regular study of God's Word and regular times of private fellowship together as husband and wife.

Wayne Grudem states, “So concerned is God that Christian husbands live in an understanding and loving way with their wives, that God ‘interrupts’ HIS relationship with the husband by hindering their prayers when they are not doing so. No Christian husband should presume to think that any spiritual good will be accomplished by his life without an effective ministry of prayer. And no husband may expect an effective prayer life unless ‘he lives with his wife in an understanding way’, bestowing honor on her. To take the time to develop and maintain a good marriage is God’s will; it is serving God; it is a spiritual activity pleasing in HIS sight.”

God is declaring **Point #2 A Biblical marriage Exalts the woman and demands Leadership by the man!** Husbands step up and lead and protect your wife’s female sensitivity. From a human relational prospective there also is great benefit. The more you protect, the safer she feels, and the more open, and the more sensitive she is to you. Here is a physical example how exalting the wife and leadership of the husband complement each other.

Battleship and Radar! Looking at the two together, make a quick assessment which is male, and which is female?
HOW DID YOU KNOW? IT IS INNATELY OBVIOUS!

Battleship - Facts, Goal

Radar - High sensitivity, Unseen, Relational

**Battleship has the mass and firepower to get the job done!
However, there are things the Battleship can’t see.**

The radar is the eyes and ears to carry out the mission. The radar is so sensitive that it picks up everything - planes, geese, insects. As the Battleship move toward the goal; the radar is picking up everything the Battleship can't see; geese, geese, insects, geese, planes, geese, insects, geese. But with all this seemingly insignificant noise, the radar also picked up the terribly destructive planes. If the battleship stops paying attention to the radar because of too much information, its destruction is immanent.

Making a similar application to the marriage, if you tell your wife she is being too sensitive or stop listening to her concerns, there will be damaging consequences! Now it is quiet, but destructive. **She will lose her sensitivity including her sensitivity toward you.** However, the wise husband loves to listen to his wife and have discussions discerning all the geese, insects, and planes she has become aware of. Therefore their relationship grows deeper and deeper throughout their marriage.

I have noticed this scenario when people have come in for marriage counseling. Typically, the wife is the first to seek marriage counseling because she is the most sensitive to the relationship about things the husband often fails to see. When the wife asks for counseling, I always think "the radar" has picked up something very early and there is hope. However, when a man asks for marriage counseling, I think "The battleship just took a direct hit and is taking on water."

Husbands pay attention to the radar!

Proverbs 31:10–12 (ESV)

- ¹⁰ An excellent wife who can find?
She is far more precious than jewels.
- ¹¹ The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.
- ¹² She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.

**The battleship is more powerful with a “sensitive” radar!
With this radar, insight, wisdom, and knowledge are greatly
increased. Together the husband and wife are a divine power
couple indestructible defeating everything Satan throws at
them.**

Husbands protect the radar!

Proverbs 18:22 (ESV)

He who finds a wife finds a good thing
and obtains favor from the LORD.

Husbands don't hinder prayers!

Proverbs 31:30 (ESV)

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

**God intent was to have POWER COUPLES! CLOSING:
Sin messes up everything, but proper teaching and the
Baptism of the Holy Spirit will lead God's people to behave
like Christ which will Exalt the woman and demand Leadership
by the man which will model godliness to your children.**