

Preparation for Godly Marriage

Part 7

“For I would that all men were even as I myself. But every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that.” (1Corinthians 7:7)

Paul said about marriage, **But every man hath his proper gift of God.** Paul described marriage as a gift from God and that is true; marriage is a gift and reward from God to those who are doing good in their preparation for godly marriage. Marriage in the Scripture is a reward for those who pay and prepare of what is due for them. Marriage is a gift which is earned and man should be prepared and do His part toward God and toward God’s word and toward the family that God is going to give him.

Marriage cannot be initiated on the base of good wishes or emotions. Simply you cannot rash and eat in restaurant without paying for your food. You cannot ride an airplane without paying in advance your ticket. You cannot stay in hotel without paying for your room.

The following are good examples to grasp this concept of marriage that the Scriptures portray:

1- Adam: “19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. 20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.” (Genesis 2:19-20) The Lord before He made and brought the woman to the man, the Lord asked Adam to give names to all the animals and the birds. That is not an easy task. So much types and species of animals and birds; it would probably took months or years for the man to do that. And when he was done and achieved that, the Lord made the woman and brought her to the man. So there was a period of preparation and testing for the man and he need to achieve certain things before he will be rewarded with his gift, a wife.

2- Jacob: “15 And Laban said unto Jacob, Because thou art my brother, shouldest thou therefore serve me for nought? tell me, what shall thy wages be? 16 And Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. 17 Leah was tender eyed; but Rachel was beautiful and well favoured. 18 And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter. 19 And Laban said, It is better that I give her to thee, than that I should give her to another man: abide with me. 20 And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her. 21 And Jacob said unto Laban, Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in unto her.” (Genesis 29:15-21) Jacob served seven years for his wife. He was not rewarded with a wife unless he finished the seven years of service.

3- Joseph: “45 And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnathpaaneah; and he gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On. And Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt.” (Genesis 41:45) Joseph was rewarded with a wife after he showed his prudence and served Pharaoh and the country of Egypt with the wisdom that God gave to him.

4- Moses: “16 Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters: and they came and drew water, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. 17 And the shepherds came and drove them away: but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock. 18 And when they came to Reuel their father, he said, How is it that ye are come so soon to day? 19 And they said, An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds, and also drew water enough for us, and watered

the flock. 20 And he said unto his daughters, And where is he? why is it that ye have left the man? call him, that he may eat bread. 21 And Moses was content to dwell with the man: and he gave Moses Zipporah his daughter.” (Exodus 2:16-21) Moses was content to stay with the man and to work as shepherd for him, and Moses was rewarded with a wife when the man gave Moses Zipporah his daughter.

5- Othniel: “12 And Caleb said, He that smiteth Kirjathsepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife. 13 And Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife.” (Judges 1:12-13) Othniel was rewarded with a wife, when he responded to the call of God and smote Kirjathsepher and took it as inheritance for the tribe of Judah.

6- David: “22 And Saul commanded his servants, saying, Commune with David secretly, and say, Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and all his servants love thee: now therefore be the king's son in law. 23 And Saul's servants spake those words in the ears of David. And David said, Seemeth it to you a light thing to be a king's son in law, seeing that I am a poor man, and lightly esteemed? 24 And the servants of Saul told him, saying, On this manner spake David. 25 And Saul said, Thus shall ye say to David, The king desireth not any dowry, but an hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged of the king's enemies. But Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines. 26 And when his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to be the king's son in law: and the days were not expired. 27 Wherefore David arose and went, he and his men, and slew of the Philistines two hundred men; and David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full tale to the king, that he might be the king's son in law. And Saul gave him Michal his daughter to wife.” (1Samuel 18:22-27) David was a poor man and has so not so much money, but was rewarded with a wife after he slew two hundred Philistines men.

My dear and beloved: “He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the Lord.” (Proverbs 18:22) God will give wife and bestow his favor on obedient man as you agree to pray.

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the death to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your clear word to me. I humble myself before you and before your command. Lord I repent of doing my own. I commit myself to abide with the principle of this message, to do my part and to wait for you to come and reward me. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

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