

/// 0-0 /// BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

/// 3-1 /// BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH WIFE & FAMILY

1) Hurts and Pain

There is *so much sadness* in this world.

There is so much sadness *among us*.

Yes even among us Baptist leaders.

One pastor's daughter became a prostitute.

One elder's son died drunk in the army. His other son died a few months later in a drunken motorcycle accident.

/// 3-2 /// Does it not hurt? It hurts me!

I wept for this dear father many times.

Another pastor's son died of a drug overdose.

The list --- goes on and on.

We are talking about ourselves here, our own pastor friends and relations.

These are all dear, very dear men of God.

Men who have given their all to serve Jesus Christ. Men who have sacrificed time, money and energy to build the church of God in Ukraine.

Yet they had to suffer so terribly!

Isn't it sad?

I am not accusing, I cannot be angry, I can only be sad, *VERY* sad.

I am broken hearted.

/// 3-3 /// My question is: "Do we need to pay more personal attention to our wives and families?"

How is it in your family?

What is your response?

/// 3-4 /// Do you need to give more in-depth time to your immediate family? Yes ... / ... no ... (circle one).

/// 3-5 /// What about that dear wife of yours?_

If she would die your life would be changed forever.

Nothing would ever be the same if your beloved wife died.

Just ask those pastor friends who had to go through this tragedy what it is like.

2) Affection is an Action of Love

/// 3-6 /// Is that dear wife of yours, really dear?

A wife's greatest need is for security in your relationship, and security is obtained by most women through affection... It is the affection she receives that gives her confidence in your care for her and her wellbeing.

She needs your touch of affection.

She needs your words of affection.

She needs your look of affection.

She needs you to spend quality affectionate time with the children she gave you.

She needs you to complement her affectionately.

Affection is an **Action of Love**... it is the emotion of love acted out.

Let us take a look at some questions:

(Session Leader read the questions to the Brothers and then you click off the video for fifteen minutes so you can guide them through these questions.)

Brothers this is not a break; we will continue immediately to talk about intimate sexual relations.

You are the head of the home, her leader, her protector.

Your wife wants to serve you and make you successful.

/// 3-7 /// Are you giving her careful, accurate instructions, so she can be the very best helpmate God designed her to be? What are you doing that makes Jesus happy? _____

/// 3-8a /// Do you weekly provide one day of rest for her, as the scriptures so strongly teach? Yes ... / ... no ... (circle one).

Keeping initial love alive, what fresh short little honeymoon type of activity can you dream up?

/// 3-8b /// When could you make that happen? _____

/// 3-8c /// What made you desire to marry her? _____

/// 3-8d /// Take time now to list those good qualities — then add new ones you discovered over the years. _____

/// 3-8e /// Now begin to express and emphasize your gratitude on a regular basis. Doing acts of kindness — make a list for the coming month of frequent little expressions of affection and appreciation.

/// 3-8f /// Think of the sweetness of falling in love.

/// 3-8g /// Would you like to let it happen again?

Yes... / no... (circle one).

Once you have established a new intimate union with your wife, then let her guide you to do the same with your children.

Your wife most likely knows better than you.

Be humble, let her guide you into building new personal relationships with all your children, in-laws, and grandchildren.

Follow her advice! Practice! Learn!

Ask! Do! — and then apply all the same things to your young people's group as a whole.

My dear pastor friend — I beg you, build a new family; build a new church based on healthy growing personal relationships.

3) Marital Intimacy

When discussing husband / wife relationships it would be blatantly ignorant or neglectful not to mention sex.

So I want to very briefly touch upon this subject.

The Bible talks so much about sexual relations--both positive and negative.

Constantly the Bible uses *sex* as an illustration of spiritual love and loyalty or idolatry.

God is deeply interested in our most intimate marital relationships.

4) God wants holy marriages.

Marriage is all about being male and female.

We are turning to a pre-fall passage in scripture.

/// 3-9 /// Gen. 2:24, 25. (Put this on screen and have the Brothers read this together orally)

“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.”

The male should become one with a female in mind, in emotion, spiritually and in vision.

God ordained that this be done through sexual oneness in body.

The sex act is intended for all of the above intimacies and blending of 2 beings into one; not *only* a physical act.

The primary purpose of sex is an intimate expression of love so that 2 people become one in all areas of life.

God knew that the blending into one would require many repeat acts of physical sexual unity in order to fulfill a lifetime oneness as He intended. Mal. 2:16B

The secondary purpose of sex is procreation.

Most mature church leaders and pastors are a bit older men, so I want to specifically address these men of God.

The enemy has foisted upon pastors a demonic epidemic in the form of older men of God leaving their wives and having a sexual affair with some young woman.

Some men are involved in pornography, some in emotional intimacies with or about other women.

Many pastors have some sort of sideline sexual interest going on outside of marriage that is defiling them.

In some countries it is devastating the church and it is coming to Ukraine.

I have been told that in certain Baptist circles in Ukraine this has reached epidemic proportions.

5) What has happened?

As we grow older many men have accumulated so much experience that they begin to take sex for granted.

The glamour has long since worn off and it becomes a habit.

Our older bodies have less need and less energy and there is a tendency to use our wives, now past menopause in a demeaning way to quickly fulfill our needs and have it over with.

One Christian lady summed it up this way.

“About once a month my husband rolls over and without any preparation he basically helps himself. There is nothing for me! I am left empty, feeling like a used rag.”

Dear Brothers this man is no longer “one flesh with his wife.”

What this lady describes we might call something like “ the prostitute syndrome.”

Prostitutes focus on quick sex acts which leaves men completely unfulfilled and is a vulgar degrading of God's female creation.

God has a completely different and extremely beautiful plan for both men and women.

God's intent is for older men to linger long at their sexual intimate relationships in their marriage.

We might suggest for older pastors and other Christian men to spend an hour in this GOD ASSIGNED activity of becoming one flesh.

Spending a prolonged time simply enjoying her: caressing, massaging, fondling, teasing, tickling, and laughing with the beloved wife of your youth is God's intent for His people (Prov. 5:18). God wants you to enjoy your wife, delight in her (Eccl. 9:9).

Doing so will evoke in your wife a grandiose feeling, of being wanted, having priority, being important to you as the most precious person God the heavenly Father has given to you to care for.

She will experience the delight of being your queen, and as she becomes enthralled with you and responds, your body will be treated as a king.

Such deep prolonged physical and emotional satisfaction will go a long way in thwarting this demonic attack on your life and your church.

May you experience new fresh spiritual exuberance as you drive the sex demon out of your life and make sex a **holy activity** as the Lord intended it.

For further help special material on this topic may be requested from New Life for Churches

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