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# <u>"Marriage Message"</u>

"For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made..." (Romans 1:20)

# **Relational Disintegration**

<u>Genesis 2:22-23</u> – (22) "...God...brought her to the man. (23) Then the man said, <u>'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh</u>; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

<u>Genesis 3:12</u> – "The man said, '<u>*The*</u> woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate."

<u>Genesis 3:20</u> – "The man called his wife's name <u>Eve, because she was the mother</u> of all living."

<u>James 4:1</u> – "What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, *that your passions are at war within you*?"

<u>Titus 2:3-4</u> – (3) "Older women... (4) ...train (to make of sound mind) the young women <u>to love their husbands and children</u>,"

## **Community Commandments**

<u>John 13:34</u> – "A new commandment I give to you, <u>that you love one another: just</u> as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." (*See Also 15:12*)

<u>Philippians 2:3-5</u> – (3) "Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility <u>count</u> <u>others more significant than yourselves</u>. (4) Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. (5) Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus"

**<u>Romans 12:10</u>** – "*Be* kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour <u>preferring one another</u>" (*KJV*)

Key Point: If You want Peace in Your House, Prefer Your Spouse

# **4 Marital Preference Points:**

#### (1) Restrain Retaliation

"Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them." (Romans 12:14)

## (2) Harmonize

"Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another..." (Romans 12:15-16a)

## (3) Practice Peacemaking

"If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all." (Romans 12:18)

## (4) Make it Right...Tonight

"Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger" (Ephesians 4:26)

## **Questions**:

What impacted me the most in this message? What is the source of most of my marital issues? (Matt. 15:18-19; James 4:1) What is my Biblical responsibility to my spouse? (Eph. 5:21-33)