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Building Lasting Marriages on a Firm Foundation

Weekly Devotional

WEEK SEVEN -

The Team Factor

In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life.

I Peter 3:7a (NLT)

This week I'd like to speak to just the men. Our focus today is seeing each other as equals and doing life as a team instead of independently. I have always maintained that "it takes *two* to tango." It's quite obvious that our spouse plays a very significant part in the marriage. After all, the very union of marriage is *two* people becoming *one*. You didn't have children on your own, walk down the aisle by yourself or go on your honeymoon alone. Why then do we fall into the trap of independence with me, mine I, and even dominance once we are married? We have been joined together with the intention to become one flesh and to do life *together* as one. (Genesis 2:24)

Our Scripture text states that although the wife is the weaker vessel, she is in fact an *equal* partner. Partners don't play singles, they don't hog the ball and they don't dominate one another. If you have ever played doubles in tennis with a partner that hogs the ball, what is intended to be a fun team venture, very soon becomes monotonous, boring, and even irritating. It ceases to be a *team* effort when only one person is allowed movement on the court. There is no "I" in *team*. Marriage is a team endeavor, and both parties are both indispensable and necessary.

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Single is the place that we so willingly said goodbye to when we said I do. Two heads are better than one.

Make it a point to work together, play together, pray together and stay together. It's more fun, and it reaps more rewards. The only thing that God saw when He looked at all of creation that wasn't good, was the man being alone. Remember to honor your wife, and value her input. Remember that she is your equal partner in life. Value her, and you will reap the rewards of true companionship.

*He who finds a wife finds a good thing,
And obtains favor from the LORD.
Proverbs 18:22 (NKJV)*