

Building Your Dream House

Part II

Scripture – Psalm 127:1

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Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

I. Introduction

- A. **Unity In A House** – A house has different rooms with different functions but all under one roof. The living, dining, kitchen and bathrooms all have different functions but a house requires them all to be complete.
- B. **Unity In A Home** - Like wise husbands and wives are different in roles, responsibilities, personalities, mannerisms, preferences and even background. But a marriage requires both husband and wife to be under the hand of God to be complete.

II. The Living Room – A Place of Relationship

- A. **Continue To Date** – There is no reason for spouses to stop dating each other. Once married we must continue to build the relationship. Dating is a fun way to connect with your spouse and build common interests in the relationship.
- B. **Communicate With Each Other** - Peter commands husbands to know their wives. The only way to “know or understand” a person is to communicate with them.
- C. **Commit To Each Other** – Tell your wife she is the most important person in your life. Then prove it by turning off the TV, radio, and other distractions in the home and spend some quality time with her. Make sure she understands your commitment to her.

III. The Kitchen – A Place of Responsibility

- A. **Define Roles** – Every relationship has expected roles and responsibilities. Take time with your spouse and define your roles (or who does what). Don't try and define roles based on another's marriage but on the strengths and weaknesses that exist in your marriage.
- B. **Distribute The Work Load** - Each spouse should share the work load in the marriage. There is more than enough work to go around. Statistics show that ours is the most over worked, tired and stressed generation ever in America. Don't expect your spouse to be Superman or Wonder Woman, help out.

IV. The Bedroom – A Place of Reward

- A. **Sex Is Restricted** – God created us sexual beings and yet saved or restricted sex to marriage. Therefore, sex should be regarded as a wonderful God given reward to married couples.
- B. **Sex Should Be Respectful** – Remember that sex is God given. But when we remove God from sex then it becomes selfish and harmful. There are both Biblical and personal boundaries in regards to sex and both boundaries should be respected. In other words, don't pressure your spouse in doing something sexually he/she is not comfortable with doing.
- C. **Sex Restores Intimacy** - In real estate, they say the three most important items in selling property is “location, location, and location”. I can say the three most important things to having a great sex life are “romance, romance, and romance”. Remember, sex to a woman is mostly an emotional act. Take time to fill her emotional cup before the physical act of sex is consummated.

V. The Prayer Closet – A Place That Reaches God's Heart

This is the most important room in the house. It is the place where husbands and wives can pray with and for each other. There is power in this room because it reaches the heart of God.

A few years ago in Dallas, Texas we were in the living room when the wind began to blow very hard. Then we heard a sound like a train was coming. We turned on the TV and discovered a tornado was close by. We cleaned out our coat closet and was ready to seek refuge in this closet when it was announced the storm had by-passed us.

Just like the coat closet is the safest place in the house during a storm. The prayer closet is the safest place for husband and wife during their spiritual storms.

During your storms remember to stay in your prayer closet. When the wind blows, stay in the closet. When the rain pours, stay in the closet. When thunder shouts, stay in the closet. When lightning flashes, stay in the closet. ***The prayer closet is the safest place in the house.***