



Getting Rid Of Leaven in Marriage

I would like to share something I have been meditating on concerning the way we as women conduct ourselves toward the King's and Priests in our lives, namely those of us with Lord's. I had recently completed a deep clean of my Lord's household which was a great success, and my Lord is pleased, however it got me thinking about my attitude, behavior, and mindset towards my Lord.

I had to seriously ask myself if my actions match up with the scriptures. Can I sincerely say that I am doing my absolute best to treat my Lord with the reverence and respect that is commanded of me? Is my submission in alignment with the laws or am I only doing the bare minimum in the hopes of getting a spiritual pass from the Most High? The truth is, there is always room for serious improvement. If a married woman professes to fear the Lord and that the keeping of his commandments are vital, then this heavily involves the way we treat our Kings. Without them, **THERE IS NO KINGDOM FOR US!!!** We cannot expect that we can speak ill of or have wicked thoughts against our Lord's and yet expect to obtain mercy or honor from God.

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*A woman that honoreth her husband shall be judged wise of all;
but she that dishonoreth him in her pride shall be counted
ungodly of all.*

Ecclesiasticus 26:26 KJV

So, what does honouring your husband look like?

Most sisters love to be complemented and praised but how can we receive such things when our actions do not warrant that type of reward? We often murmur and complain in our households, create a tense and formidable atmosphere, breath fires of fury into the ears of our Lord's and disrespect the authority given to him from above. Our responses to situations are often illogical, over emotional, and ultimately unnecessary. We should be aiming to be holy women who look for solutions to problems, not insight strife within the home. Do you want to live peacefully and joyfully with your Lord? We know every marriage has its issues, but the goal should be to consistently decrease our own problematic reactions. We married sisters must learn to reconstruct our minds and emotions according to the scriptures. This will consequently positively affect the role we play within our marriages. We must first acknowledge our wickedness before we can actively set goals to battle these spirits.

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So, do not ignore your sins or think 'this does not apply to me'. It is this mindset that sets us on a path of leaning on our own understanding, further departing from the standard set by TMH. Our foremothers are our blueprint. They bowed, were shamefaced, and full of humility. Humility is a gift of the Lord and something we must continuously be clothed in. Our foremothers avoided gossiping and backbiting so must we do also. As wives we must learn to keep busy with our Lord's household along with our duties to the Lord's work. Dive into a hobby, go back to school, start a business, or if it is line with your household's dynamics.... Get a job! You can even think of ways you can improve the structuring of your Lords household i.e., meal plans , timetables, routines etc. Remember that a woman with a mind well instructed is revolutionary.

A silent and loving woman is a gift of the Lord; and there is nothing so much worth as a mind well instructed.

Ecclesiasticus 26:14 KJV

There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zechari'ah, of the course of Abi'jah: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth.

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And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

Luke 1:5-6 KJV

These are the questions I ask myself along with active things I will be and have put into practice to help build and maintain a successful marriage so that I too can stand and be blameless before TMH with My Lord just as our foremother Elizabeth. Join me in examining ourselves concerning our roles as women and let us GET THE LEAVEN OUT OF OUR MARRIAGES.

Questions I ask myself to improve my reactions in a situation

1. Is the situation that serious? Have I misunderstood the situation or am I jumping to conclusions?
2. Am I listening effectively? Am I giving my undivided attention? Can I suggest a solution based on what I have heard?
3. Is what I am about to say helpful or hurtful? It is necessary? Am I building my Lord up or tearing him down?
4. Have I communicated my concerns without babbling and using words that aren't necessary? Are my concerns scriptural or emotional?

*Physical things I can do to level up, create more peace and honour
my Lord better*

1. Complete expected duties without having to be told (every household is different)
2. Uplift your Lord throughout the day. Congratulate him on things he is doing well and do not focus on things he may struggle with.
3. Don't allow your Lord to fall down the rabbit hole. Help restore him in meekness and kindness, not usurping authority of course. Encourage him, remind him that he is a mighty man of valour.
4. Don't hinder your Lord from doing the work. Create a quiet & loving environment when he comes home. Examples are, feet washing, massages, baths, marital pleasures, whatever he wants.
5. Ensure you are searching the scriptures and applying so that you maintain a good name for your Lord's household. Be an example for our sisters preparing for such a time.
6. Endeavour to do one good thing for your Lord every day even when you are upset. That is when the true test of reverence presents itself.