**The Husband’s Roles**

Husbands, heed Apostle Peter’s comments in 1 Peter 3:7:

*You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.*

Husbands would do well to pay attention to these verses:

*Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them (Colossians 3:19).*

*...husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church (Ephesians 5:28-29).*

**One Spending Plan**

*Split the spending plan so husband and wife monitor specific items. To stay on top of the spending plan, each item in it needs an owner.*

**Couples and The Family Council**

*When imperfect man marries imperfect woman, even with Jesus at the helm it’s a challenge. In James 4:1, Apostle James gives us this insight, “what is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members?”*

The Family Council (“Council”) is where I learn and teach my family biblical truths, and develop and monitor spending plans, and our Capital Fund. Comparable to a business’ board of directors, it’s the family’s training, mentoring, and household operations’ forum. Jesus as its foundation, it’s where couples can set goals and spending plans with assigned responsibilities for each family member: each child, for regular household operations, and for major buys. There, agree aids, such as computer software, tools, such as number of bank accounts, and procedures to record spending and to compare it with plan. Decide who, how, and when to record spending. The Council meets weekly to compare actual with spending plans. Each meeting should start and end at a predetermined time and with an agenda showing specific tasks. At each meeting, couples should look ahead to see if they need behaviour changes to stay on track to get to agreed goals. A summary of action items with dates is one meeting output.

Husband and wife need to surrender their lives to Christ and covenant with Him to do their God ordained roles.

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