

HOME IMPROVEMENT

Tend To Your Garden

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day

that you eat of it you shall surely die."

¹⁸Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." ¹⁹Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" ²And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

Series Lessons

Without a clear understanding of your DESTINATION, you will never ARRIVE.

God has designed each of us for RELATIONSHIP, first with himself and then with EACH OTHER.

MARRIAGE is one of God's greatest gifts of COMMON GRACE.

His Duty & Dominion

God gave Adam RESPONSIBILITY and DOMINION over his creation.

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These were how Adam was to REFLECT the IMAGE of God that was placed in him (Genesis 1:26).

What is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet. Psalm 8:4-6

- There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil." (Eccl. 2:24)

Adam's caused the IMAGE of God within all of us to be MARRED.

Because of this residual IMAGE, it is natural for us men to gain feelings of SIGNIFICANCE from what we do.

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His Indifference

The order of the family was designed in CREATION not CULTURE.

Therefore, a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife Genesis 2:24

Adam abdicated his RESPONSIBILITY to his wife.

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Top 5 Complaints

- a. He doesn't LISTEN or COMMUNICATE well.
- b. He is EMOTIONALLY distant or unavailable.
- c. He doesn't help enough with the HOUSE or the KIDS.
- d. He doesn't PRIORITIZE the MARRIAGE.
- e. He's not LEADING Spiritually or RELATIONALLY.

The most difficult place to exercise our DOMINION is in our own HOME.

His Disobedience

Adam's indifference to his WIFE caused them both to SIN.

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Adam's disobedience had TRAGIC consequences on HIMSELF and Eve

And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; Genesis 3:17

Eve received TWO punishments.

Pain in Childbirth

"I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Her DIFFICULTY with her husband's DOMINION. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."

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Perpetual FRUSTRATION.

"And to Adam he said, 'Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, "You shall not eat of it," cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.

*"I said in my heart, 'Come now, I will test you with pleasure; enjoy yourself.' But behold, this also was vanity." **(v.1)***

*"I made great works... I had great possessions... I gathered for myself silver and gold... I became great... whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them... Then I considered all that my hands had done... and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind." **(vv. 4-11) Ecclesiastes 2:1-11***

DEATH

By the sweat of your face, you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Application:

We are to use our Dominion to let our wife feel that she is heard, cherished and protected. We can only do that when we start to reflect the image of God in our lives.

Where do I need to improve? _____