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HOW TO MINISTER TO ONE ANOTHER

'I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong - that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.' Rom 1:11

A man and woman, husband and wife, will exchange many things in their lives together. However, in the exchange God takes us to another level one called Impartation, we are told in the scripture above that this in itself lends itself to encouraging each other's faith!

In our lives and walk with God in this realm on earth, we receive what I refer to as 'spiritual markers' – events that have occurred were we learned something new, saw God move miraculously in our lives or other people's, when He brought our life partner/wife/husband into our life – suddenly and blessed us and He in His grace encouraged us and we felt that our Lord's love was tangible and real – these sorts of spiritual markers take us to the next level and encourage us to seek Him more.

I truly believe that these markers are essential in our lives and in our walk with God. At the darkest of times and most difficult of times, these markers are what we ought to reflect on; as these will encourage us that Father God has not abandoned us and in fact the opposite it true, it is He and He alone who is

constantly working on our behalf. Anyone who says that the Christian life is 'easy' or there is no conflict is not serving the God Karin and I do! If there is no battle, why then is it necessary to 'put on the whole armour of God'? We are to be watchmen on the towers; we are to guard the city! With a couple the 'city' is the family and home. As a husband and wife we must guard our 'city', guard our hearts and that of our children by reading the Word and staying close to Jesus. The greatest gift you as a husband or wife will give to your spouse is the personal relationship that you have with Jesus and sharing God's love for us.

It is essential that a couple of course not only communicate spiritually but physically also and the marriage bed is undefiled that means that it is clean and pure. It is essential that the man and woman enjoy each other, play with each other and enjoy the gift of sex that God has created and given us. However, this gift is precious in God's eyes and He abhors adultery – you must be honourable and faithful towards your own wife that the Lord has given you and the woman honourable and faithful towards her own husband – this exclusive relationship is essential to forward God's vision not only in the marriage but for the spiritual inheritance that you will leave your children – re-establishing morality and biblical principles in everyday life. Apart from the obvious hurt and betrayal, there is also a heavy penalty for not following this...

'Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.' Heb 13:4

As a man and woman draw closer to the Lord and each other their love for Jesus and the redemptive and restorative properties of the cross begins to manifest in their lives. Each party gains strength one from another and as they realise their true potential in Christ as one flesh – something is spiritually restored as the spiritual Adam and Eve are reunited and God's promises can at last be fulfilled – the ultimate Impartation...

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