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POSITIONING

POSITION YOURSELF

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'Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.' Matt 18:7

We have already touched on the subject of alignment in this series, but alignment though similar in meaning is different to positioning yourself with God. Many believers are not reaching their true or full potential in Christ by embracing the position that His sacrifice has given them in the kingdom of God, this is particularly true for couples.

Whenever two people start in a relationship that has been ordained by God, everything flows and the gates have been opened allowing Him to move freely from one to another. Both parties are moving in the Word and are in alignment with God's Word and each other. Life does not seem so bad after all and love is all around! They do not seem to have a care in the world, just like children, and in fact they do not and that is exactly what the above scripture teaches us...we are to be like children before God.

Many couples will tell you about this – *'Oh I wish things were like they were in the beginning'* now this can be true for couples whether they are in the kingdom or not. So what is different if both are in Christ? Well, to be in alignment with the Word of God becomes very difficult if the man is not studying the Word – being in alignment with God and His Will, as a couple becomes almost impossible, not to mention the individual relationship with Christ.

The husband is to cover his wife who is to be regarded as if a weaker vessel. Now let's talk about this for a minute as many women we have met over the years, have a real problem with being regarded as a weaker vessel. Ok so let's look at the scriptures in Genesis, the woman was to be Adam's helper and his mate. Because of this, she was fashioned in such a manner by God as to complement Adam she was not formed from the dust of the ground and therefore would never be like Adam or equal to him! She was formed from one of Adam's ribs and therefore had been hidden in him. Her attributes would be similar in some ways but very different in others – understand this women are not men – fact!

Women whilst physically weaker than men also, are stronger in other ways – the ribs protect the vital organs including the heart, the woman who is faithful, honourable, loving and in agreement with her spouse protects his heart from being broken, this in itself enables him to be a strong spiritual Adam for her and their family – so what does this do – look beyond the flesh here – by obeying God's word she places her husband in his correct position by submitting to her own husband within the kingdom, strengthening the family unit and enabling him to spend quality time with God, and in turn God will move in both their lives individually and corporately. Both Karin and I believe that the woman by submitting to the Word instantly submits to God and in turn a natural 'hunger' is created in the man to fulfil his part – He responds not only to his wife's obedience as a man of God but He is ultimately submitting to God's Word and it in turn reverses the spiritual Adam and Eve deception and decision that caused the 'fall' in the first place!

Whilst communication is vital in all of this, we also believe that it is so important for a man to 'feel' like the man in the home and in the relationship – this is God's order of things. In turn the man must never abuse his position of trust and responsibility – he has a responsibility to enable the woman to feel like his own wife and is ultimately accountable to God for the spiritual inheritance that he

will hand down to their children! All of this enables the husband and wife to grow in Christ and inherit together as one all the promises of God – isn't that wonderful? Therefore, to recap – both men and women are joint heirs in the kingdom and what this offers through Christ's sacrifice. It is agreed that women are entitled to the same gifts, rewards and treasures as men this is also a fact, however, women and men have differing functions on earth and by applying the Word and enabling each other to achieve these functions they will not only glorify God but honor each other and fulfil God's purpose in their lives, drawing them closer to Himself and each other. The man is the spiritual head – agreed? Therefore, get yourself and your spouse into position and you will become much more effective and loving not only towards each other but also more importantly to God, through the power of the Cross and all its promises that Jesus brings into our lives through it...

'For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body' Eph 5:23

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