

Biblical Sexuality in Marriage King Attitudes

Today in the pastoral care and marriage class, we're going to talk about biblical sexuality in marriage part 1 and we're going to focus on king attitudes. That's the attitude of man in the marriage. The way God has made a man and woman, a man needs to be the romance king. He needs to be thinking those compassion, caring, loving thoughts about his wife. We see that in scripture too. We see that servant headship in scripture. Ephesians 5 is a passage that talks about being head of his wife.

I want to point something out that head is not the ruler in the sense of the manager of every part of her being but as a servant, one who takes responsibility, one who comes in there and creates the context, the platform, the stage for his wife to do well. A romance king is someone who also develops her call in dominion. Let me explain what I mean by that.

In Genesis 1:28, in that passage God talks about how man and woman are to subdue the Earth to have dominion. A man, his job is to say, "Okay. Who are you, my dear? What are the gifts God has given you?" Now, when it comes to marriage and family, of course the woman is that which would bring forth children physically, biologically. But his job is to create a world where their dreams, her dreams are also being pursued.

A romance king is someone who has full confidence in his wife as it says in Proverbs 31. I remember having little children. I remember like if you say, "You naughty child," it seems like the child gets more naughty. In leadership, when we have positive, full confidence attitudes in our leadership. Whether that's in our employees or employers or whether that's with children or whether that's with our wives, we have to create that context, those words where we communicate confidence, where we communicate trust.

A romance king is someone who is continually courting. When a guy gets married, he gets comfortable and he stops courting, he stops calling, he stops loving. When it happens, atrophy sets in in a marriage. But a romance king has this concept of "I am in love. I am married." It's almost like this. "I love you and I'm learning how to love you. I courted you. We're married. And I'm courting you. I'm committed to you and I'm learning to get committed to you. I like you and I'm learning how to like you more." That's that attitude of continually courting.

Another thing a romance king does is thinks of those little forms of appreciation like little gifts. Go ahead. Go shopping. A romance king is someone who helps out, shows appreciation, stands up for her, loyalty. I especially think about that in those family situations or friend situations. You'll have a situation where somebody attacks your wife. If you can stand up and be the man and give her the context to really feel secure.

Here's another thing. Don't be that know-it-all, that fix-it-all, that know-every-answer-to-every-question." A lot of times when she's talking, allow her to speak. Don't try to fix. Listen. And then when asked, be decisive. Maybe it comes down to in America they call it chivalry, the old-fashioned chivalry. Open the door. Be polite. Learn how to make your wife feel that she's the most fortunate woman in the world to be married to you.

So how do you treat your queen? Well, she will feel loved, cherished, protected. The precious queen of the castle when you support her design to femininity by highly valuing her gifts and role in your family. You set the stage for her to be called blessed. As it says in Proverbs 31:28, "Her children arise and call her blessed. Her husband also and he praises her." Now the thing about a husband is children are not going to just learn how to stand up and arise and call her blessed. You show that. You model that. You create that culture.

How to treat your queen? She does not feel loved, cherished, protected, the precious queen of the castle when you usually are critical, non-teachable, male chauvinistic, egotistical, non-servant. If you have a typical flesh male, that is not how your wife is going to be feel loved and cherished. As it says in Colossians 3:19, "Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them." How do you treat your queen?

She feels loved, precious, protected, the precious queen of the castle when you communicate that your wife is the—and this is in America we call it—the hottest which means pretty, beautiful, perfect woman to you. There is no one else like her. There could be seven hundred beautiful women in the room. Hypothetically, you could possibly have them. But you don't want them. You want her. Song of Songs 2, "Like a lily among thorns is my darling among the maidens."

Your wife will feel loved and cherished, protected, the precious queen of the castle when—here's the next one—you take interest with humble, encouraging support for your wife's spiritual, emotional, and physical health. If that's your heart, I'll you, as you're a pastor and you're teaching, you're living this and you're teaching the parishioners, you're teaching those that you're influencing this kind of an attitude toward their wives, I'm telling you, this will make powerful, God-honoring witnessing marriages to even unbelievers.

Your wife will feel loved, cherished, protected, the precious queen of the castle when the truth of the intangibles are there. The truth is known not only by what you say with your mouth, but even more by what you really believe and do. I know a lot of young men come to me, “Pastor,” they say, “I don’t always feel loving toward my wife.” You know what I always say to them? “Will it and feelings will come.” Don’t trust your feelings to be that way. Will it. Your will is more real than your feeling. If your will really wills, your want really wants that you will love your spouse, your emotions will follow.

Here’s just a few more pointers. Teach your parishioners. Don’t crush their wives’ spirit. Song of Songs 1:9, “I liken you, my darling, to a mare harnessed to one of the chariots of Pharaoh.” You get the idea there. It’s like you are married to a partner, not a child, not one of your children. She is a kingdom partner. Be a romantic. You see that in Song of Solomon 6:4, 5, “You are beautiful, my darling, as Tirzah, lovely as Jerusalem, majestic as troops with banners. Turn your eyes from me; they overwhelm me. Your hair is like a flock of goats descending from Gilead.” Look at the author of Song of Songs how he thinks about this wife. We men, and we can teach our parishioner men to do likewise.

To have an eye—here’s the next thing. Continually and to admire your wife’s beauty. Song of Songs 2:14, “Let me hear your voice for your voice is sweet and your face is lovely.” Song of Songs 4:1, “How beautiful are you, my darling. O, how beautiful your eyes. Behind your veils are doves. Your hair is like a flock of goats descending from Gilead.” You see in the language there that admiration. If that’s the culture of how you treat your woman and you teach that to the young men and the men of your church or who you’re leading, that’s going to create a context for very successful marriages.

Complete captivation for your wife. In this kind of a day where Internet and where all these options are before, there’s options for pornography and all these things that people deal with, if you create the culture of complete captivation for your wife, Song of Songs 4:6, 7, “Until that day breaks and the shadows flee, I will go to the mountain of myrrh and to the hill of incense. All beautiful you are, my darling. There is no flaw in you.”

As we think about these king attitudes, as a pastor if you’re married, first of all, have these attitudes in yourself. Go over this presentation every now and then. Remind yourself. Pray about how to be that romance king. Some men struggle. “Well, I’ll do that if my wife will take the first step.” No, you’re the servant head. You’re the leader. You take the first step. In prayerful obedience to the Lord, love your wife as your own body as it says in the Word of God and God will life you up.