

Angie's Marriage Column – February 19, 2016

How to Have Happiness & Abundance in Your Marriage, No Matter How Long You Have Been Married!

A lot of people when they have marriage problems, no matter what that problem is can't see past the issue to actually see the root of the problem. Let me make an example.

Example 1: John and Jane Doe, both self proclaimed Christian folk, do not communicate properly; Jane is always telling John what to do. She is bossy, belittling and doesn't trust that John can take care of himself or do anything without her interference. John doesn't know this, but her interference (dominant attitude) causes him to not want to get close with Jane, consequently, intimacy between them is not so good.

In a nutshell, John, like most men wants a wife when he comes home from work, not a boss.

What's the Problem on the Surface? The problem on the surface of things is lack of intimacy and closeness and they probably blame that on communication deficits. However, that's not the root of the problem(s).

What Is the Root of the Problem? The root is buried deep within their soul and neither sees it. The root of the problem is not putting God first. In fact, their priorities are all out of whack. They have chosen to put themselves first, followed by their career. Tell me, who isn't doing that in their marriage? Sure some people make God first but most professed Christians do not.

You know how a root stock to a plant works, right? The plant begins to grow and makes little offshoots and each offshoot needs to feed off the main root for survival. In marriage the main root is God and His foundations and principles for

marriage, and consequently we are to follow those principles if we want a fruitful marriage.

Well, what's happening is spouses are NOT recognizing God as their SOURCE as where they need to be getting their nourishment from; instead they get influenced by worldly enticements that seem on the surface as correct and proper and they bring it home with them. **Couples are getting nourished through what the world shows them, not by what Jesus has given them. And that's the problem.**

If we do not recognize Christ for our source, spouses get fed through overseeing each others roles, telling each other how to be and what to do. The wife is usually pretty good at taking over her husband's headship position. This leaves him feeling like a little person because his wife thinks she knows more than him. It's funny how some spouses are so good at overseeing each other but when it comes to themselves they can't or won't see anything that needs improvement.

In a nutshell many couples manage their marriage under their own understanding of what *they think* is right, by blaming each other, micromanaging one another, or being bossy, belittling and demanding of each other to get their way and needs met...BECAUSE that's how they think they can fix the problem(s).

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. KJV – Proverbs 3:5

Ladies, are we trusting in the Lord or are we behaving like we are God? And men, you are just as much in the dark as your wives by allowing the marriage roles to become skewed like this in the first place. You're both leading your lives from a worldly perspective rather than a Godly one and then you "go to church" and think that will make up for everything. Well, it doesn't.

Ok, so overtime because couples don't and aren't applying their positions in marriage properly, problems become worse and the marriage dies or remains terribly unhappy, hence, then we see major problems develop such as addictions, infidelities, abuse, you name it!

Unfortunately because the secular churches don't teach marriage roles and positions or because they teach them incorrectly is why these simple marriage problems never get rectified before they turn into monsters.

Couples instead, recognize the problems incorrectly as being the negatives of what they can see in each other...this is why in all of our writings since the very first newsletter we ever published, we have been showing people the proper wifely role and position and the proper husbandly role and position. **Anything else is skewed and is why marriages have problems!!**

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Jane is NOT being the godly wife she is called to be. Jane is behaving how she ***thinks*** she needs to and wants to behave, regardless of what her wifely role is.

Jane, like many married feminist women, is taking over John's life for him, so he doesn't really have any responsibility for and in the marriage. The only time he feels like he can be himself is when he is at his job. Jane is suffocating John with her micromanaging and bossiness. John finds it difficult to get close with Jane, and in fact her dominance over him has gotten so bad that John can't wait to go to work.

Solution: The solution is right under our noses. The Master Designer of marriage shows us how to have a Godly, happy, and fruitful marriage.

And God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an helpmeet for him. Genesis 2:18.

There it is in black and white for anyone to plainly see. **The wife is the helper, not the head or leader.** To read more about the helpmeet role click this informative article.

[How a Godly Wife is to be a Helpmeet to Her Husband](#)

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In Christ,

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