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Maximizing Marital Fulfillment

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Principle 2: Agreement within Ourselves

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God's meticulous Creation plan was life-giving to the universe and especially for mankind. God made total provisions for man's physical needs by preparing his external environment consisting of light, heaven, dry land, seas, sun, moon, stars, fish, birds, and all living creatures. This ensured we would succeed in accomplishing the plan and purpose set forth by God to be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, subdue it and take dominion.

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The human body is a unique design of multiple systems intricately working together. The amplified version of Psalm 139:13 -14 explains this as follows:

For You formed my innermost parts; You knit me [together] in my mother's womb. I will give thanks and praise to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, and my soul knows it very well.

The twelve organ systems operating in our bodies include the integumentary system, skeletal system, muscular system, lymphatic system, respiratory system, digestive system, nervous system, endocrine system, cardiovascular system, urinary system and two reproductive systems. God delicately knit these systems together and our bodies interact with our surroundings through five senses: seeing, hearing, feeling, tasting, and

smelling. Also, within those innermost parts resides our soul which is the seat of our mind or intellect, will or consciousness, and emotions or feelings. We recognize that God's masterpiece was fearfully (with reverence, honor, and awe) and wonderfully (distinguished, unique and set apart) made. Everything we need to succeed was given by God at conception.

In the Old Testament Jeremiah needed to understand the significance of being fearfully and wonderfully made and set apart for a God-ordained purpose. This is the exchange between God and Jeremiah in Jeremiah 1: 5-10 (AMP).

I have appointed you as a prophet to the nations.” Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, For I am [only] a young man.” But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am [only] a young man,’ Because everywhere I send you, you shall go, And whatever I command you, you shall speak. “Do not be afraid of them [or their hostile faces], For I am with you [always] to protect you and deliver you,” says the Lord. Then the Lord stretched out His hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me, “Behold (hear Me), I have put My words in your mouth. “See, I have appointed you this day over the nations and over the kingdoms, to uproot and break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

While God was affirming Jeremiah's worth, Jeremiah was defining himself by what he couldn't do. When Jeremiah spoke from a fearful heart, God basically said, “Stop it! Don't be afraid because I've got your back.” God assured Jeremiah that He would always be there to

protect and deliver him. God then put His words in Jeremiah's mouth before outlining the details of the tremendous impact he would make in the nations and kingdoms of the earth.

Fear can be a powerful deterrent paralyzing and causing us to focus on our human limitations and restrictions instead of our destiny opportunities. If we're not careful, we – like several others in the bible – will allow our skewed self-image to turn into an excuse for why we will not follow God's predestined plan. Abraham – father of many nations – said, "I'm old. Sarah's old and she's also barren." Moses – the deliverer – confessed, "I've never been good with words. I stutter and stammer." Gideon – the judge – reminded God, "My clan is the weakest, and I am the least in my family." Despite their words which came from a place of fear, they each soon found that God's plans and purposes are always exceptional, extraordinary, and spectacular; therefore, they could not allow shortcomings, deficiencies, or weaknesses derail them from maximizing the potential God placed within them.

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Often times I use one of my favorite scriptures to remind myself of this principle (Philippians 4:13). The Amplified version is powerful and inspirational to me.

I can do all things [which He has called me to do] through Him who strengthens and empowers me [to fulfill His purpose—I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency; I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him who infuses me with inner strength and confident peace.]

By faith, we move forward toward the destiny and purpose for which God called us. Faith says no matter what our skills, talents, gifts, appearances, or personality traits, God's grace empowers us to accomplish the assignment He gave us. Grace is the unmerited or unearned favor of God. It is a gift we don't deserve. In Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, chapter twelve speaks about the grace of God being sufficient to transform our weaknesses to strength. Because of the grace that Christ has extended to us, we have unlimited potential and uncommon strength through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

Just like Jeremiah needed a reminder that God would be by his side, we too must know that God's desire for our success ensures that He will never under any circumstances desert us, give up on us, or leave us without support. He said in Hebrews 13:5b AMP:

"I will never [under any circumstances] desert you [nor give you up nor leave you without support, nor will I in any degree leave you helpless], nor will I forsake or let you down or relax My hold on you [assuredly not]!"

In Jeremiah 29:11, God reaffirmed that He had a plan not only for Jeremiah but for the entire nation. He

declared He knew the plan and the plan would always lead His people to a prosperous future. We too can be assured that because of His faithfulness to never leave nor forsake us, His plans will also lead us to prosper and succeed.

For Reflection

“Fear can be a powerful deterrent paralyzing and causing us to focus on our preconceived human limitations and restrictions instead of our destiny opportunities.”

~Roosevelt and Renita

1. What plan and purpose has God revealed for your life?
2. What does failure look like to you?
3. What limitations are preventing you from fulfilling your god-ordained destiny?

Decrees and Declarations for Agreement Within Ourselves



I declare that God has given me the power to get wealth.

Deuteronomy 8:18

I declare that I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus .

2 Corinthians 5:21

*God has not given me the spirit of fear.
Instead, I have power, love and a sound mind.*

2 Timothy 1:7

I declare that I am accepted.

Ephesians 1:6

*I am safe and secure. Therefore, when I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death, I don't fear evil because my God is with me.*

Psalm 23:4

*I declare that Jesus Christ has been made unto me wisdom, righteousness,
sanctification, and redemption.*

1 Corinthians 1:30

Decrees and Declarations for Agreement Within Ourselves



*I declare that my God supplies all my needs
according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:19

I declare that God is my provider.

Genesis 22:14

*I declare that Jesus Christ is my sufficiency,
and I am complete in him.*

2 Corinthians 3:5, 6

*I declare that I can do all things through Christ
who strengthens me.*

Philippians 4:13

I declare that I have the mind of Christ.

Philippians 2:5

*I declare that God is my exceeding great reward
and all of my needs are met in him.*

Genesis 15:1