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## **MARRIAGE DEVOTION – 01/04/2020**

### **TOPIC: CLAIMING BACK YOUR MARRIAGE FROM THE HANDS OF THE DEVIL**

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Good day to all lovely married couples.

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I hope the Lockdown is treating you well without any negative impact on our marriages.

I guess this lockdown period is highly cherished by women because we as husbands has not been around either physical or even emotionally.

Deuteronomy 24:5 is the most favourite scripture by most women because God came out very clear to defend them against the busy schedules of most husbands. Ever woman appreciate quality time with her husband.

It is therefore time that both of us can take advantage of this lockdown to **claim back our marriage from the devil, hence our topic this day.**

There are few pointers that I will share with you of something you can try to do during this period which can assist to revive or bring back the fire in your marriage.

#### **1. KINGDOM FIRST – Matthew 6:33**

- a. Like Priscilla and Aquilla in Acts 18:23-25, invest some of this time in studying the Word of God and praying together.
- b. This is the time for partners to answer ask different questions and request for clarity in certain scriptures – 1 Cor 14:35
- c. If your spouse is not a Christian **yet**, this is the time to show her/him more love than ever before. Invite him/her in your bible study sessions. Your spouse will follow you after to church services



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after this lockdown because of your love and humility displayed during this lockdown period – (1 Peter 3:1-2)

- d. Read Songs of Songs for each other to set the scene for the next tips

## **2. NEVER AVOID EACH OTHER**

- a. Reduce time spent on social media, chatting with friends whilst you have this wonderful opportunity to communicate freely and playfully with your partner.
- b. This is not the time for unnecessary conflicts and angry busters because you will be so lonely yet in the house with someone – Ephesians 4:25-26

## **3. MOMENT OF FUN AND NOTHING SERIOUS**

- a. Watch those crazy TV shows and movies together (date my family, perfect wedding, Johannesburg women etc)
- b. Talk about the good and the bad from the shows that you are watching because its not everything on TV that we should adopt in our families.
- c. This is the time to appreciate your spouse for who he/she is and not complaining about what he/she is not
- d. This is time for reconnection, confessions, forgiveness and renewal of vows – until death do us part
- e. Learn to listen to each other intimately

## **4. TIME TO LIGHT UP THE FIRE ONCE AGAIN**

- a. Play those soul touching music albums, trying to reconnect to the good old days
- b. With the bedroom door locked – put on your birthday suit and start making those moves under his/her full watch. Start praising



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him/her with every move he/she make. Comment about each part of her/his body.

- c. When last did you take bath or shower together?
- d. This is the time for touching and exploring this good creature which is wonderfully and fearfully made by God

## 5. FAMILY PLANNING

- a. This is the time to reflect how far did we come as a family/ the journey this far
- b. Time to plan for good times in the future
- c. This is the time to reconfigure our budgets but do not be too absorbed into finances because this may spoil the mood
- d. Time to do all those House Chores together
- e. Time to try new cooking recipes (both in the kitchen and in the bedroom)

## 6. CONCLUSION

- a. Let us shut the back door and never allow the devil a foothold in our marriage any longer.
- b. Never entertain the devil whispering in your ears like Eve at the garden of Eden – Genesis 3:1-5
- c. Let us create memories that we will cherish for lifetime – ***If God wills, it is time to make babies!***

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