

The Battle of the Sexes

Genesis 3:16; 4:7

Introduction

I The Woman's Battle

- A. The biblical description of the curse:
 - 1. The curse: "Your _____ will be for your husband"
 - a. What it doesn't mean: "_____ drive"
 - b. What it does mean: "To _____ authority" - Gen 4:7
 - 2. The rationale for this sinful response:
 - a. A woman's innate drive to protect her _____
 - b. A woman's innate drive to protect her family
 - c. A woman's innate drive to protect her _____
 - 3. The extreme responses to this curse:
 - a. Aggressive: _____ of the husband
 - b. Passive: _____ to the husband
- B. The biblical evidence of the curse:
 - 1. Commands to _____ to her husband - Eph 5:22-24
 - 2. Commands to _____ to her husband - Eph 5:33
 - 3. Commands to not nag or quarrel - Judg 16:15-16; Prov 27:15-16
 - 4. Commands to _____ her husband - 1 Pt 3:5-6
- C. The biblical solution to the curse:
 - 1. Accept the Bible's universal diagnosis:
 - a. Stop defending your _____
 - b. Stop justifying your behavior
 - c. Stop rationalizing your _____
 - 2. Accept the Bible's remedy:
 - a. You must _____ it! - Gen 4:7; Rom 6:11-14

II The Man's Battle

- A. The biblical description of the curse
 - 1. The curse: "But he (the husband) will rule over you"
 - a. What it doesn't mean: He will be the _____-man
 - b. What it does means: "He will be prone to _____"
 - 2. The rationale for this sinful response:
 - a. A man's innate drive to _____

- b. A man's innate drive to achieve
 - c. A man's innate drive to _____
 - 3. The extreme responses to this curse:
 - a. Aggressive: _____ of the wife
 - b. Passive: _____ to the wife
- B. The biblical evidence of the weakness
 - 1. Commands to _____/cherish his wife - Eph 5:25-28
 - 2. Commands to be considerate toward his wife - 1 Pt 3:7a
 - 3. Commands to not be _____ with his wife - Col 3:19
 - 4. Commands to treat his wife with _____ - 1 Pt 3:7b
- C. The biblical solution to the curse
 - 1. Accept the Bible's universal diagnosis:
 - a. Stop defending your _____
 - b. Stop justifying your behavior
 - c. Stop rationalizing your _____
 - 2. Accept the Bible's remedy:
 - a. You must _____ it! - Gen 4:7; Rom 6:8-23

III The Pathway to Mastering Sin and Winning the Battle

- A. You must be born again - Jn 3:5-7; 2 Cor 5:17; Lk 9:23
- B. Submit/_____ yourself to God - Jam 4:7; Rom 6:11-14, 22
- C. Put the sinful nature to death and be filled, led and _____ by the Spirit - Rom 8:1-15; Eph 4:22-24
- D. Renew your mind daily through the Word - Rom 12:2
- E. Be _____ into Christ's likeness - Rom 8:29; 2Cor 3:18
- F. Access God's resources: Prayer, worship, fellowship, etc.

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