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Men of God wives..., on: 2009/2/15 0:51

My interest is to find sermons, interviews, biographies, ideas, and suggestions on godly men and their wives.

The reason is two fold (from my limited point of view); first because I was somewhat disheartened when I read that Tozer's wife was quoted as saying about her second marriage that she was happy to finally have a real husband. The second reason is that I would like to be a man of God, but I do not want to exclude my wife.

Jesus without the church would have been meaningless, as would my life without my wife.

Blessings,
BrianMira

Re: Men of God wives... - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2009/2/15 2:21

Brother,

I have setup up a page on sermonindex on sort of this subject, on the "Godly home"

<https://www.sermonindex.net/thegodlyhome.php>

These ones might be of specific help to what you are looking for:

Husbands Love Your Wives! by Keith Daniel

<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid=5285&commentView=itemComments>

The Hidden Women by Denny Kenaston

<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid=7325&commentView=itemComments>

Where are the Men by Denny Kenaston

<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid=7326&commentView=itemComments>

Re: Men of God wives..., on: 2009/2/15 8:56

Biographies to look into

Oswald and Biddy Chambers (Abandoned to God)

Howard and Geraldine Taylor

Jonathan and Sarah Edwards (Marriage to a Difficult Man)

Thomas (Stonewall) and Anna Jackson (Letters to His Wife)

Adoniram and Ann Judson

Charles and Susanna Spurgeon

That's what comes to mind right now. I keep thinking and share more possibilities if I think of them.

~Joy

Re: Men of God wives... - posted by elanham (), on: 2009/2/15 9:38

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Re: , on: 2009/2/15 19:15

I thought of another good book. A Man Called Peter by Catherine Marshall. Peter Marshall had a great passion for the Christian home and he and Catherine shared a beautiful marriage.

Re: - posted by TaylorOtwell (), on: 2009/2/15 19:37

A thorough Puritan book on the subject would be "Domestical Duties" by William Gouge.

Re: , on: 2009/2/18 0:05

Thank you all...more would be appreciated, not only for me, but for others.

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I am not sure that I completely agree with your logic. ...although I have been wrong before.

My hope is to be a Man of God and for my wife to be a Woman of God, learning from those before us and to not repeat the mistakes of those whom have done what they wilt.

I enjoy Tozer, but that point made me realize that some 'men of God' mean more to the church than their home. With the suggestions from others such as Spurgeon, Edwards, and Chambers, I feel that I will not find those same criticisms.

In Christ and the Whole Body,
BrianMira

BTW: I understand that we cannot totally control or influence everyone, including our spouse, and that we are to do what we can, but I hope to do everything that God gives me to do...

Re: Men of God wives... - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2009/2/21 13:25

Brian,

I appreciate your concern on this issue. It is a tough one to deal with: how is it that a person can be so used by God and yet have such serious personal problems with others/spouse? (And there are many more, other than Tozer, unfortunately.)

Many years ago I was stunned that my preacher-grandfather was not perfect! This revelation was helpful to me - I had put the fellow on a pedestal and this was not right, so God allowed me to see something which knocked him clean off of that honored position. In any case, it did teach me to not revere people so highly and leave these things to God, let him judge. This belongs in the category of unanswered questions that baffle the mind.

Now in the meantime, you be the best husband you can be to your wife. While the husband has a greater responsibility for his wife's spiritual life than the wife does for the husband, each person will still have to stand before God and give an account, can't blame your failings on another person because God's grace is always available there to assist one to live faithfully.

My understanding on this issue...

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2009/2/21 15:06

Brian,

I would like to continue my thoughts on this issue. The longer I think about it the more it awakens within me the issues I have had to deal with in my younger years. So, I will proceed to share insights and how they were acquired.

When I was a young woman, I attended a Bible School. One day as I was studying Anabaptist History, realization dawned on me of an idea that lurked in the deepest recesses of my brain and how history proved the validity of this scripture in Eccle. 7:10: "Do not say, 'Why is it that the former days were better than these?' For it is not from wisdom that you ask about this." (NASB) You see, I used to think if one lived back then, there would be a whole lot less issues to deal with. Suddenly I became aware that I am glad I was living in 1967 instead of the 1500s because of the problems - other than persecution - that stalked the Christians.

Another incident: my grandfather was a preacher and well loved by his congregation, young and old alike - even the children and their parents called him "grandfather". But grandmother....she never was a real 'spiritual' lady. She believed females who were Biblical scholars were usurping the male authority in life. Later, I learned she was skilled in dowsing for water! At the same time my grandfather took a special interest in me and taught me much scripture and its meaning, something none of the other grandchildren experienced, to my puzzlement. Anyhow, does this all make sense? NO! Did the Holy Spirit not convict them about how wrong dowsing is? Questions and more questions....

Let's see, what did Solomon say? "Do not say, 'Why is it that the former days were better than these?' For it is not from wisdom that you ask about this." (NASB) This still applies today and it comforts me when I want to know the answers to questions whose answers will never be forthcoming in this life. So, I will leave it to God and continue on....

Brother, the longer you look at important people in church history, the more you will learn that some things will never make sense.

Hope this helps...

ginnyrose

Re: Men of God wives... - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2009/2/21 15:45

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The quote from Tozer's wife we can only speculate about, not so wise to do so, but Tozer was a man with God's message, this would require great sacrifice from the family to allow him to spend so much time from them and serving God, on the other hand we must make sure we don't leave our families behind. Our families are also our responsibility and our work for the Lord, we must all seek for wisdom and balance in these things.

Re: Men of God wives... - posted by LinaUrban (), on: 2009/2/21 16:19

Don't know much about them, but I thought maybe you could read something on Elizabeth Elliot and Jim Elliot.

~Lina

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Yes, this is true.

May I add that Romans 8:28 & 29 are still very much in effect in the Believer's life within all of this. That He uses all things to conform 'us'.

That He loves our loved ones more than we do.

It is ALL "to His Glory" ~ even if we live in the house of Hades, in a sense.

.... to refine 'us'. His ultimate purpose.

By Faith, we live and move and have 'our' being in Him.

We must trust Him more everyday for our loved ones and love Him more than these.

He will do the rest, by His Spirit. He draws.

We actually need to trust Him Who So Loved the World that He gave His Life for it.

"Trust" is such a precious word, that I believe it brings tears to His eyes when we trust Him in all things, because we know that He 'is' Love and withholds no good thing from them that love Him with all - even in/to death.

GOD Bless you!

Psalms 103:17 But the Mercy of the LORD is from Everlasting to Everlasting upon them that fear Him, and His righteousness unto children's children;

18 To such as keep His covenant, and to those that remember His commandments to do them.

19 The LORD hath prepared His Throne in the Heavens; and His Kingdom Ruleth over All.

20 Bless the LORD, ye His angels, that excel in strength, that do His commandments, hearkening unto the voice of His Word.

21 Bless ye the LORD, all ye His hosts; ye ministers of His, that do His pleasure.

22 Bless The LORD, all His works in all places of His dominion: Bless The LORD, O my soul.