

Introduction

A good marriage is similar to a classic dance routine; think Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers...think classical dance contests, Ballroom Dancing as seen on public television with great, well known music.

The man leads, the woman follows his lead, and the Conductor / Music / Choreographer determine the steps, tempo, and dance arrangement.

Now think Adam, Eve and God -The Word.

Originally, or to use the first words of The Word, --- ***“In the beginning God created...”*** everything. Several times He said His creation was good. In fact, He said everything He made was, ***“...very good.”*** It was the perfect environment and the perfect world. The music was perfect!

The only time God said that something was not good, ***“...It is not good for man to be alone; I will make him a help meet for him. ...He took one of his ribs, and ...made...a woman... And they were both naked...and were not ashamed.”*** (Genesis 2:18, 21-22, 25) They were made to compliment one another. The chords were in accord, pure harmony. The musical score was beautiful!

In Genesis 3, the serpent senses the peace, tranquility and beauty, and proceeds to cause discord. The devil challenges God’s authority in Adam and Eve’s lives, and they sin by disobedience. The man and woman immediately attempt to hide their nakedness from God. Loud, boisterous static abounds, masking the beautiful music.

The pronouncement of punishment follows. The once perfect dance ends, but the position and responsibilities of the participants do not. In fact, they are emphasized. Because of satanic interference and sin, the participants play the blame game, and find it even more difficult to hear and obey the magnificent music.

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Because of this interference, the unintentional but inevitable invitation to the dance by Satan, the dance will never be the same without much practice, perseverance and acknowledgement of the need for a Savior. The Word can overshadow the static, but the couple must know the original music well to hear it above the fray and the ungodly musical score introduced by the devil. To confuse, he attempts to mimic the unadulterated music of God. We must study and concentrate to discern the counterfeit.

After the fall, God reinstated His chain of command. God's decree declared that the man is still to lead the physical dance. The woman is to follow his lead and pay close attention to the heavenly musical arrangement, because now, she has the most difficult assignment. She is to spiritually "lead" without a word, by her submission to the man's ruling leadership. Regardless to her natural desire to physically lead, she may not!

Fred Astaire may have been the headliner, but I assert that Ginger Rogers was the much more accomplished dancer. She had to perform all his dance steps, on high heels, dancing backward, being dipped, twirled like a spinning top, often being tossed in the air, and was always expected to land gracefully! Do you realize how much instructional submission, agility and talent that required? Imagine how much practice the performances entailed! How often do you think she must have fallen before she perfected her moves, just to make the dance team look good? The muscle aches and strains had to be tremendous. As his partner, she helped make him famous. She enhanced the performance so that the music worked for both of them, and onlookers were enchanted by the overall production. Ginger was beautiful and she made what surely took days of practice look easy. Top billing went to Fred, but Ginger had the more difficult assignment.

Ladies, my sisters in Christ, because we are to ***"...lead without a word"***, we can be the reason the dance

becomes a command performance and is beautiful. We must listen carefully, discern, meditate and anticipate the next step which is ordered by the Lord.

The invitation to the dance given to the prince of this world causes stumbling. Toes are stepped on and feelings get hurt due to the misinterpretation of the musical movement. Satan wants all of us to follow his music so we will experience his fate. There is a way that seems right to a person, but the ends are the ways of death to the spirit and soul.

The world would have you believe any music or dance steps suffice, so long as it ‘feels’ good. The unholy trinity - the world, the flesh and the devil – say, just dance suggestively, sexually, sensually as possible; just move your body to the music...any music. The satanic culture tells the women and girls to be as provocatively naked as natural law allows, and to not be ashamed.

Hip Hop music on a crowded dance floor seems like just a sea of strange people gyrating to a hard beat, the lyrics programming their anesthetized spirits. No one leads. No one follows. They all do what is ‘right’ in their own eyes. The ‘lost’ crowd mouths offensive, vulgar, degrading lyrics sending unhealthy messages to souls and spirits. Hip-hop, a worldwide phenomenon, promotes crass materialism. Absolutely no expertise is required as the man and woman ‘dance’ together. Where is the beautiful symphonic music of the Lord in this? Who is listening for it? Can anyone see the foolishness of the deluded in this picture? ***“My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge. ...a people without understanding will come to ruin.”*** (Hosea 6:4, 14 NIV)

Do not be deceived! Satan is the instrument leading those who do not know the melodic voice of the Shepherd. Many are being led like lambs to slaughter. Those who resist and obey the Word will keep their lives and families intact. Do not follow the majority. Broad is the way that leads to destruction. Narrow is the path that leads to God.

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My husband I have finally learned to dance well together, and there are still occasional times of discord. I respect his lead, I follow, and God blesses my obedience with harmony in our union. We have a good marriage now, but it has taken years of study, prayer, forgiveness, unconditional love, faith and patience. When my husband missteps, I have been instructed to follow the direction of the Maestro; I must pray and ‘lead’ in my spiritual demeanor without taking over. God knows my situation and will direct my steps. He did before, and He will do it again.

When I was a babe in Christ, hurting because of circumstances, learning God’s ways, I had a stuffed animal; a lamb that played the musical tune, **Jesus Loves Me**. During times of stress when I would have trouble going to sleep, I would press the ear of the little lamb and play that ‘love’ lullaby as many times as necessary to bless me to sleep. God promises that our grief, sorrow and suffering will end; *“For the Lamb...shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.”* (Revelation 7:17) The Lamb still loves me, and regardless of circumstances, I am blessed!

As I spiritually matured, the Holy Spirit convicted me of the part I had played in making my marriage imperfect. Although we were guilty of different sins, my husband and I were both sinners. I repented and to pacify me, God gave supernatural experiences, prose, poetry, and my first book, **THE BIBLE EXPLAINED**. I compiled the prose and poetry, and gave it as gifts to grieving friends to ease the pain of the loss of their loved ones. The memorial books blessed many a sorrowful acquaintance. When I received compliments, I said the real story lies in the adventures that led to the writing. I gave God the glory for the blessed lessons.

I shared my experiences with hurting sisters, one at a time, as the Holy Spirit allowed our paths to cross. To my amazement, the Spirit performed the work of conviction on them as they listened to my story of conviction. Many asked

their husbands for forgiveness, and told me about the transforming power that the asking had on them and their relationships. They said I should write a book.

This book is my attempt to tell my experiences to other confused and sorrowful women en masse, with a prayer they will see themselves in my stories, repent and avoid the schemes (wiles, tricks) of the devil. His demonic assignment is to increase grief, sorrow and suffering, and he is doing it quite well. Our assignment is to learn the Truth so well that we will walk by faith, not by sight. Without faith we cannot please God.

Our mission is to please our heavenly Husband, our Maker; the Lord God of Hosts is His Name. We are all the spiritual brides of Christ. We are all His wives; therefore **FOR WIVES ONLY...** is for all women, regardless to your 'natural' marital state.

My specific assignment, according to the apostle Paul:

“...to give good counsel and be teachers of what is right and noble...the older women...train the young women to be sane and sober of mind (temperate, disciplined) and to love their husbands and their children. To be self controlled, chaste, homemakers, good-natured (kindhearted), adapting and subordinating themselves to their husbands, that the word of God may not be exposed to reproach (blasphemed or discredited). ...Tell [them all] these things. Urge (advise, encourage, warn) and rebuke with full authority. Let no one despise or disregard or think little of you [conduct yourself and your teaching so as to command respect]. (Titus 2:3-5, 15 Amplified)

This book is my attempt to be obedient to God's command. It would be a sin for me to forfeit a spiritual victory because of a lack of zeal to share the Word of God, and tell how He blessed my life as I reacted opposite what

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the world expects. Godly zeal is love on fire, and peace has been my reward.

Amazingly, with few exceptions, the poems were compiled and written pretty much in the order you find them in this book. God knew that I would finally mature enough to share what experience taught. To protect our privacy, I considered making it a work of fiction, but the Word said that I am called to testify.

“He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify.” (Acts 10:42)

As in a court of law, to testify, I am to speak from experience and tell the truth to be qualified to witness. This testimony written fictitiously would not have the same impact. My personal testimony has made a difference to many repentant sisters – justified by grace through faith. What we share can influence another person’s eternal destiny.

Also, please know that every person’s experience is as different as a set of fingerprints. Based on our upbringing, we have different ‘music’ appreciation. Our background is as varied as our DNA. The same symphonic composition may have many different movements. Not every one can, should, nor will want to do what I have done. We are all coming from different directions to get to the foot of the cross. However, once we arrive and humble ourselves, the Word of God is the same for us all. It does not change. Peace and contentment are possible. The only way to God is through Jesus Christ. He said, ***“...come, take up the cross (daily), and follow Me.”***

Contact me at www.ForWivesOnly.com to share your spiritual victory. It would be a blessing if this book has the same impact on you that my individual testimonies have had on many persons. I am praying for you. Knowing you were spared increased pain, sorrow, grief and suffering would indeed be beautiful music to my heart.

Now blessed sisters, listen prayerfully, let’s dance!