

SESSION #21

JOURNEYMEN: A MAN AND HIS DESIGN

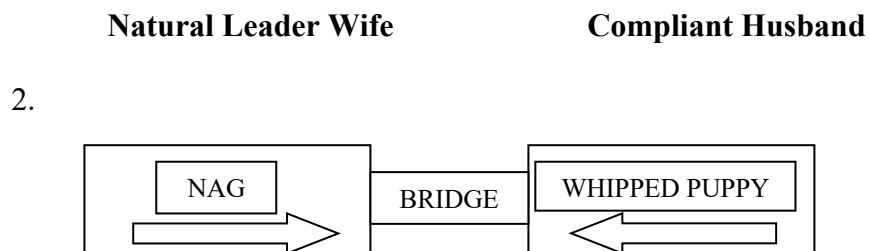
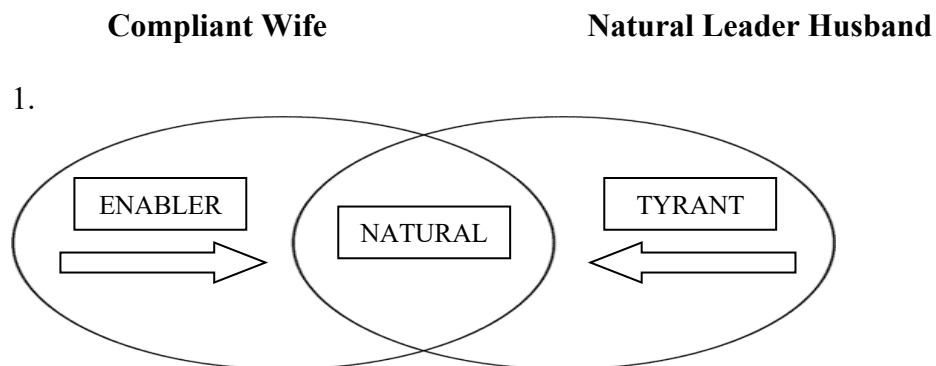
I. DESIGN COMMENTS

II. A MAN'S DESIGN AND MARRIAGE

A. Personality and Leadership

1. Natural leader types in marriage tend to be too assertive.
2. Non-leader types in marriage tend to be too passive.
3. Leadership in marriage is submitting your design to your biblical responsibilities rather than how you feel.

B. Two Marriage Designs



III. A MAN'S DESIGN AND WORK

A. Design and Career: A match is critical.

B. Career Transitions and the Search for a Match.

1. Early 20s ... Have to time
2. Critical 30s ... Need to time
3. Mid-life 40s ... Must do time
4. Relaxed 50s (?) Can do time

C. Two Important Questions Every Man Needs to Answer:

1. What do I do well and with satisfaction?
2. What are the things I want to do but can't?
3. You cannot answer these questions alone.

D. Whatever you do, the Scripture says ...

IV. A MAN'S DESIGN AND MINISTRY

A. Every man has been gifted for ministry.

B. Those gifts fall into two general categories:

1. Speaking

2. Serving

C. Using your gifts is one of the most important factors in experiencing God and finding real life.

1 Timothy 6:18-19

Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Galatians 6:8-10

The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Titus 3:8

This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

V. OTHER AREAS OF DESIGN

A. You were designed for relationships.

B. You were designed for truth.

C. You were designed for worship.

D. You were designed to eternity.

DIRECTIONS FOR YOUR SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Have a rough draft of your Manhood Plans prepared to share with your group by next week. Have the final draft prepared to turn in March 7th.
2. What was the most significant truth you heard in this session about a man and his design?
3. Do you know what it is you do well, with satisfaction? Do you know what you can't do?
4. Do you know how you've been gifted for ministry?
5. What one thing would you like an answer on about yourself?

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