

## **SESSION #20 – DIE TO LIVE**

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4. When you are focused on yourself and your won happiness...  
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### **III. THE ESSENCE OF SERVANT LEADERSHIP**

1. The “Paradox Principle”: we die to ourselves in order to truly live. We \_\_\_\_\_ to live.
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2. The grace Jesus offers us in His self-sacrifice is both the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ for our servant leadership in marriage.
  - o Our example: Ephesians 5:25 (ESV) says, “Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.”
  - o Our motivation: When we have personally experienced God’s amazing grace toward us and the power of His forgiveness in our own life, we become motivated and even \_\_\_\_\_ to forgive and show that same grace to our wife.
    - Colossians 3:13 (ESV) “...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.”
3. The “Paradox Principle” is at the core of every \_\_\_\_\_ and vibrant marriage.

#### **IV. THE DIFFERENT AREAS OF SERVANT LEADERSHIP**

As Servant Leader, the husband is called to be the:

- o Spiritual Leader
  - o Emotional Encourager
  - o Financial Provider
  - o Physical Protector
1. The husband’s role as spiritual leader:
    - o This doesn’t mean you have to be some spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ .
    - o As we bless the soul of our wife, our soul is blessed as well.
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    - o This is all about being aware of and sensitive to our wife’s \_\_\_\_\_ .
    - o 1 Peter 3:7 (ESV) tells husbands to “... live with your wives in an understanding way.”
    - o Wise is the husband who makes a habit of keeping up to date and being keenly aware of what his wife is \_\_\_\_\_ and thinking.
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    - o This includes the oversight of joy and \_\_\_\_\_ in your home.

3. The husband's role as financial provider:
  - o Financial provision for the home is a basic \_\_\_\_\_ of manhood.
  - o 1 Timothy 5:8 (ESV) "If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."
  - o Oversight of the financial health also means you're planning for the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The husband's role as physical protector:
  - o At a very basic level, this means a husband stands between his family and physical danger.
  - o He takes the lead and supports his wife by staying on top of what his family is \_\_\_\_\_ from the outside, proactively guiding them toward healthy influences.

## **DISCUSSION / REFLECTION QUESTIONS**

1. Pastor Tim Keller says that "if two spouses each say, 'I'm going to treat my self-centeredness as the main problem in the marriage,' you have the prospect of a truly great marriage" Do you agree with this statement? Do you believe that you are your biggest enemy to servant leadership? Discuss.
2. Have you ever experienced the "Paradox Principle" (die to live) in your marriage or in any other aspect of your life? What did it look like?
3. What are some ways you could die to yourself more that would give new life to your marriage?
4. Tierce talked about four important areas for husbands to be a "servant leader": spiritual leader, emotional encourager, financial provider, and physical protector. Which of these comes easiest to you? Where do you need to make some adjustments or get some help?

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