**WPH Mentoring for Greatness Program**

**Lesson 4 - Divorce Proofing your home**

**Introduction**

Very few women enter their marriage with the mind set “I will stay if all goes well and leave if things are not going as desired”. Many women enter marriage full of hope looking forward to the best of life. Some marriages turn out great but others do not. Going in with the right mentality to work things no matter what happens prepares your marriage for success. There is always a learning curve, or education time in the marriage.

This lesson provides a step by step method to work through issues put your marriage in a position to succeed. These are principles to look at every day to prepare you for potential issues or to help you resolve present issues and applying these principles will help divorce proof your home.

**Divorce Proofing your Home**

**Monday**

1. **Put value on your marriage -** Don’t treat your home lightly

 ***1 Peter 5:8 …the devil is like a roaring lion seeking...***

 *The enemy wants to destroy homes so be vigilant*

 \*Remember how long you were single and how you prayed for a partner if you did not go

 through that remember good men don’t come by cheap!

1. **Having the right mind set for marriage**

 - come in with the right attitude to stay

 - come in with the right attitude to work on the marriage

 ***Philippians 2:12… work out your salvation with fear and trembling***

 - if its ok I will stay …if its not ok I will live

1. **Use the word of God as a yard stick for your home**

 ***Psalm 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path....***

 - not your traditions & culture

**Tuesday**

1. **Choose your advisers wisely**

 ***Prov 11:14 In a multitude of counsel the people are safe***

- Prayerfully choose your advisors, choose those that have a good marriage.

1. **Deal with issues promptly**

***Ephesians 4:26 Don’t let the sun go down on your wrath***

- hurts, anger and un-forgiveness should be dealt with promptly

- don’t push things under the carpet

- don’t cover up and smile in public and tears at home

- a time bomb is waiting to explode when you don’t talk things through

1. **Find out the source of the problem**

 ***Proverbs 14:1“A wise woman with her own hands builds her house the foolish tears it***

 ***down***

 - External or internal

 Internal issues: unresolved issues from your upbringing, low self esteem, past hurts.

 This could be a problem with both you and your husband.

External issues: they can come from in laws, third party, an affair, people outside the

 home, extended family members. Never allow negative influence from these quarters to

 disrupt your home

***Genesis 2:24 Leaving and cleaving…***

In your early years of marriage make sure you build intimacy as much as possible between you before allowing family members to live with you or you with them where possible to adopt

**Wednesday**

1. **Learn husband’s love language**

Making sure you understand your husband’s love language helps a long way to keep peace stability and sanity in the marriage.

 **There are 5 love languages**: a) physical touch b) quality time, c) receiving of gifts,

 d) acts of service, e) words of affirmation.

1. **Understand the benefit of submission**

 ***Ephesians 5:22 Wives submit to your own husband….***

- Submission is peace

- Submission is not weakness but strength on your side

- Submission brings bliss to your home

- It brings serenity and tranquility

1. **Submission problems -** These are some of the issues that lead to problem with submission.

- Money

- Age

- low spiritually/ high

- no mutual respect

- Family background

- Pride

- forgetting headship

- Lack of humility

- Education

 Sit down with your spouse and thoroughly discuss without casting blame. Listen to each

 other views and try to understand why it is important to them. The goal is to come up

 with a way to resolve the problem and NOT score points against each other.

**Thursday**

1. **Money issues** - Money can make or break a marriage it’s of uttermost importance that you deal with money issues, spread out the responsibilities and put in place what works for you.

- discuss them amicably

- Joint account if suitable for situation

- 50/50 we share the responsibilities equally

- woman (note: you are a help mate not the primary bread winner or provider)

1. **Forgiveness**

 ***Matthew 6:14*** remember Jesus’ forgiveness to you

- I’m sorry, please, thank you, I love you

- do it for God and yourself

- don’t let him make you miss your blessings

1. **Children –** It is important to discuss the topic of children.
* Children from past relationships should be discussed preferably before marriage. It is important to discuss the relationship of the kids with the new parent.
* Would you like children of your own? If you can’t have kids remember your marriage is complete with or without children.
* Infidelity resulting in children, woman of God stand your ground and work to save your marriage.

**Friday**

1. **Deception**

***Galatians 6:7 be not deceived for God is not mocked ...***

 – don’t be deceptive, be open in all things

- stop lying

- develop transparency

- Openness eliminates problems

1. **Trust**

***Proverbs 3:5 Trust your husband with all your heart***

- Business trips trust him where he says he is going

- Believe him till you prove him not trustworthy

- Cover your husband in prayer

1. **In laws**

- *Helicopter mother in law*: always hovering over the children can’t leave them to grow up and make their own decisions. You need to address this with your husband. Let him talk to his mother. In the meantime be polite and respect your in-law

**Reading Assignment**

Read four marriage books every month if you are single. If you are married read 2 marriage books monthly. Share the authors and cover picture of the books you are reading.

**Assignment**

1. A lot has been discussed, reflect on the areas where you are lacking and adjust. Share the areas of need in your home/marriage and the steps you are taking to correct it.
2. **Teaching Others**

 Give a talk to few women using the points above to help them know some skills to keep

their homes. Share the positive areas that you learnt about in this lesson.

1. **Prayer Assignment**

-Pray in tongues for 1hour 20min

Pray in your understanding for 1hour 20min

Your sincere prayer moves report

**Lesson Outcomes**

* You should have learnt some good tips on how to divorce proof your marriage
* Your prayer life should now be developed to 1hour 20 minutes
* You should have been able to help few people with divorce proofing tips
* You should have read at least one book on marriage or home building

***If you have questions contact your Personal Mentor and feel free to ask questions thru Whatsapp*** +2202530572/+23279225740 with your name and mentee number