

Building Our Homes

Proverbs 14:1 *“The wise woman builds her home but the foolish pulls it down with her own hands.”*

We can see from this Scripture that the woman has a great responsibility. Without doubt the husband should be the head of every home, however, according to the Word of God, it is the woman who has the power either to build her home or destroy it with her own hands. This is a powerful statement that women cannot ignore. We read in **Hebrews 3:3-4** that God is the builder of all things, therefore He has already planted everything within us that we need to be effective builders. Never underestimate the influence you have over your husband, a woman can either make or destroy her husband and in turn her family. With her words she can either inspire her husband to greatness or crush his spirit into obscurity. Women, we need to fight for our families, we have a very real enemy who wants to steal, kill and destroy our husbands and children. **Nehemiah 4:14** says *“Do not be afraid of them, remember the Lord, great and awesome and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives (husbands) and your house.”* We are in a very real battle and we need to take action, we know that God will win every battle for us but He has called us to be part of His army so we must fight!! We are more than able when we have the Almighty God on our side. **Judges 4** tells the story of Deborah who was a judge, a prophetess and a very strong woman, she was not afraid to go into battle. In fact Barak declared that he would not go into battle unless she went with him!! She went boldly into battle, knowing that God was on her side and was victorious!! We too shall be victorious in the Mighty name of Jesus.

How do we fight? In **Genesis 6**, Noah built an ark to protect his family; we too need to build an ark for our family. We need to fill our homes with prayer and love. If our husband prays for one hour a day, we should pray for two because he needs our prayers. **Proverbs 31** that tells us about the virtuous woman. The verse **18b** states that *‘her candle goeth not out by night’*. In other words, spiritually, she never rests, she is always vigilant. When her husband has become weak, maybe he isn’t praying or fasting as he used to, then it is the woman’s responsibility to rise up and pray twice as hard. The Amplified Bible says: *“her lamp goes not out but it burns on continually through the night (of trouble, privation, or sorrow, warning away fear, doubt and distrust.)”* This scripture was not only referring to a physical night but a spiritual night where serious prayer was needed to banish every sorrow from the home. We should also take time every morning to cover every member of our family with the Blood of Jesus and ask for a hedge of protection around them. By doing this, the eyes of the enemy will be blinded towards them so that when he roams around looking for someone to devour, he will not find them.

The presence of God in our homes cannot be underestimated. We can read in **2 Samuel 6:11-12** about the story of Obed-Edom. The Ark of the Covenant, which was the presence of God stayed in his household for three months and the whole household was so blessed that David went back to retrieve the Ark for himself! The presence of God will only feel welcome in our homes when we are living in an atmosphere of love and when we have the presence of God in our homes it won’t be long before the miracles will begin to take place. The Bible tells us in **Matthew 18:19** that if two of us agree concerning anything that we ask, it shall be done for us.

So when peace and unity reign in our homes, the devil will be afraid because he knows where there is unity, there is power. In **Psalm 133** the Word of God says that where there is unity, God has commanded a blessing there! That blessing shall be in our homes in the mighty name of Jesus. Our homes will be a place of celebration!

As women, we need to do all that we can to facilitate unity in our homes. Sometimes that may mean sacrificing our own opinion and agreeing with our husband to maintain peace in the home. It is better to let some things go than have disunity. Of course this is not always as straightforward, for example if the husband isn't born again or at the same spiritual level; however in that situation the best solution is to pray. The prayer of a praying wife is powerful. Do you know, sometimes we don't need to say anything to our husbands, just take the situation to God in prayer, fast if necessary and before long the husband's heart will begin to soften and He will be agreeing with you.

Maybe you're thinking, well I've tried all that, I've been praying constantly and trying to walk in love but my marriage still isn't where it should be, my children are still doing x, y and z. Well today is a new day, don't focus on yesterday; don't bring it into your future, instead nurture the photograph of possibilities within your heart. Dwell on that picture and let it fill your mind, heart and life. Make that vision consume your life, your thought, every conversation and everything around you and watch it become a reality.

So with that in mind, let's ask ourselves: 'What can I do immediately to create changes?' 'How can I improve my situation and my family'? Be creative, pray over it and God will give you the answers you need. Now begin to pray that, *Lord, I dismiss from my heart every thought, image or picture of failure concerning my marriage, my husband, my children, my family, my career, my ministry and all my life endeavours in the Most Powerful Name of Jesus.*

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