

TRAINING FOR REIGNING SERIES:  
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**DIFFERENCES IN FAMILY MINDSETS AND THEIR CONSEQUENCES – THE NEED FOR UNISON IN THEIR MINDSETS**

**Introduction:**

When God made man in the beginning He made them male and female. The blessing and dominion mandate was given to them after creation to be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, subdue it and have dominion over all things that God created. **Gen 1:26-28.**

**1. ADAM AND EVE:**

• **THE DOMINION MANDATE IS A PROCESS**

A process is a series of actions that produce something. Carefully following the natural phenomenon marked by gradual changes prescribed by God leads believers to the dominion mandate. A corn's lifespan is usually 90-120 days before it attains maturity. If the corn is harvested at 40 days, it will be valueless to the farmer because the planting process has been broken and altered. Growth in man is also a process that goes through selected stages.

- Be fruitful – coming to a state of maturity
- Multiply – maturity leads to fruitfulness and then multiplication: the palm tree – x 50 years
- Fill the earth – Filling is subsequent to multiplication. If there is no multiplication there will be no filling of the earth.
- Subdue it – displacement of opposition
- Have dominion – naturally follows subduement.

A believer should not expect to bear fruits when no planting has taken place. He/She should come to a stage of maturity in order to bear fruits that will last and stand the test of time.

• **THE DOMINION MANDATE IS A JOINT MANDATE**

God is very interested in families and has made provision for the smooth operation of the institution without rancor or discord among all concerned parties of the institution. In the context of the family, agreement is crucial. The Dominion mandate is a joint project between the husband and wife. Man is not independent of woman and woman is not independent of Man. **1 Pet 3:7** <sup>(NLT)</sup>

- **God Himself equalized the equation:** He is not an author of confusion. Man is only limited in knowledge. The first woman was formed from the weakest rib of Man, but all other men were formed from and taken out of a woman. **Gen 2:21-23, Gen 3:15, Gal 4:4, 1 Cor 11:11-12**

Even though God gave clear instructions to Adam yet he was on a different frequency with his wife Eve on the issues of their destiny. God formed three trees in the Garden of Eden and gave specific instructions on his relationship with those trees to Adam who was the head of the house.

- The tree that is good for the eyes and food.
- The tree of life.
- The tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Even though God gave clear instructions to Adam yet he was on a different frequency with his wife Eve on the issues of their destiny because of the following reasons:

1. **Adam abdicated his responsibilities to Eve his wife.** He was too calm, gentle and laid back; thus when the serpent, the Devil came it was Eve that showed up to answer.
2. **Eve took on a responsibility that wasn't meant for her.** She bit more than she could chew and was too forward.

Wives allow your husbands to take responsibility, don't bite more than you can chew. You are a support system for the home and not the sole carrier of the entire responsibilities in the home. Whenever this abnormally occurs the family begins to sing a discordant tune to the viewing pleasure of the devil.

3. **The devil took advantage of their situation and deceived Eve** in fulfillment of his ministry of a deceiver. *Rev 12:9*. A family that intends to fulfill purpose should keep the devil far away from the home by following God's prescribed format/instructions on the proper hierarchy in the home.

## 2. ABRAM AND SARAI:

### Gen 12:1-4

In Gen 14 & 15 Father Abram gave tithes of all to Melchizedek and the Lord opened the heavens upon him and reassured him that Eliezer of Damascus would not be his heir but one who will come from his own body. God took Abram out to number the stars in the sky and through a process of iterations and repetition God uninstalled the former codes in his head and wrote a new code through the process of visualization. God assured him of the fulfillment of his promise to him of making him the father of all Nations and blessing the whole world through his loins. Despite all the incidents above, Abram still fell short of God's expectations and demand from him. *Gen 16:1-6, 15-16*

Even though God had spoken, they were on different wavelengths because of:

#### a). **Delay and pressure:**

Mama Sarai was under intense family and societal pressure and decided to help God by fast tracking events to suit the immediate demand. She couldn't wait on God's timing again because she considered the process slow.

#### b). **Unmet expectations:**

Abram despite being sure of God's promises and visitation in Gen 15 He was under pressure from his wife to go into her maid Hagar. The union bore Ishmael.

**Pro 13: 12** HOPE DEFERRED MAKES THE HEART SICK, But *when* the desire comes, *it is* a tree of life.

## CONSEQUENCES OF THE DIFFERENCES IN THEIR MINDSETS:

**What happens when families are on different frequencies in their mind?**

### 1. IT CAN LEAD TO AN ABORTION OF DESTINY – ADAM & EVE

#### Gen 3: 22-24

22 *Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"—*  
23 *THEREFORE THE LORD GOD SENT HIM OUT OF THE GARDEN OF EDEN to till the ground from which he was taken.*

24 *SO HE DROVE OUT THE MAN; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.*

The destinies of Adam and Eve became aborted and they were driven out from a life of comfort, peace and rest. They were sent to a land of uncertainty, sorrow, turmoil and curses. May you not abort the destiny of your family in Jesus name.

### 2. IT CAN LEAD TO ONE BEING CUT-OFF FROM TREE OF LIFE

To be cut-off from the tree of life means many things, some of which are:

#### a) **Unfilled dreams and desires.**

**Pro 13: 12** *Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but when the desire comes, it is a tree of life*

#### b) **Lack of a healing tongue**

**Pro 15: 4** *A wholesome tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit.*

Many tongues are not powerful enough to bring positive words of affirmations to reality because of unwholesome tongues possessed by the speakers.

#### c) **Unfruitfulness – in career, in business, in the fruit of the body, in winning souls etc**

**Pro 11:30** *The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise:*

Winning souls gives a believer access to the tree of life. A believer that does not win soul will be cut off from the tree of life. Lack of fruit bearing capacity is an indication of being cut-off from the tree of life.

A unified family will be fruitful in all spheres of life and human endeavors.

**d) Lack of Wisdom – in every areas of life**

**Pro 3:13** *Happy is the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gains understanding:*

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**Vs 18** *She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, and happy are all who retain her*

The wisdom of God is a tree of life. If you need wisdom, follow the instructions of God and fear him to partake in the tree of life.