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Code Talkers

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#1 The family is a 'world in miniature', where life lessons are learned!

#2 A Biblical marriage Exalts the woman and demands Leadership by the man!

#3 A Biblical marriage relationship will teach healthy lifelong values to children!

#4 Sin messes up everything!

Proverbs 18:4 (ESV)

The words of a woman are deep waters;
the fountain of wisdom is a bubbling brook.

The figure of “deep waters” suggests the idea of profound words and thoughts. This equates to a fountain of wisdom that flows from the deep inexhaustible “bubbling brook”. This often means that although words are heard, but not understood by the other party. They are not understood because these words originated from a culture totally foreign to the hearer.

Example: During WW11, the United States had a secret code that was never broken by the Japanese. This secret group of military “Code Talkers” were Navajo Indians from New Mexico. They used their native language to send secret communications on the battlefield. **In reality the Japanese didn't need any sophisticated training to break the code.** All they needed to do was to understand the Navajo Indians. How does this apply to us? Husbands, “You are married to a Code Talker!” Guys you don't need any sophisticated training to understand your wife, you just need to investigate her culture and language. **It is deep waters from a bubbling brook.**

Let me share a personal example. In our early years of marriage Linda would say, "You don't love me." I would say, "Of course I love you." Watch my lips, "I love you!" Needless to say, that didn't go over well. After 10 years of marriage, 21/2 years of separation, we had been together for about 6 months. Things were very tense and not very pleasant. However, I was trying. One day I came home from work. Our apartment which was spotless as it always was. I took off my shoes by the door. I went and set on the couch. Linda walked into the room and asked me to take my shoes to the bedroom. I said, "Okay." I didn't move because my thought was when I got up later to go to the bedroom, I would take my shoes. A little later Linda walked past and again more sternly asked me to take my shoes to the bedroom. Again, I said, "Okay." Again, I didn't move thinking when I got around to going to the bedroom, I would take my shoes. **Linda came by a third time!** Oh, my goodness, she was steaming mad. She angrily told me in no uncertain terms to get off the couch and take my shoes to the bedroom. Immediately, I took my shoes to the bedroom. **In fact, I stayed in the bedroom for a long time.** It felt like that was the safest place to be. I kept thinking, why did she get so upset over a pair of shoes. Finally, I went to the kitchen where she was cooking dinner. I wanted understand what happened. Very humbly I said, "I know I upset you, but I would like to know why you were so upset." **She said, "If you loved me you would have picked up your shoes when I asked you!"** My head almost exploded! What does loving her have to do with picking up my shoes. There was not any connection in my mind. Then is an instant, a flash, the message fell into place.

Linda put all her efforts in cleaning our home and it reflected her. When I drop my shoes on the floor, I communicate that I don't care about what she has done. **Thus, not caring about what she has done, I am also communicating I don't care about her.** But it goes deeper than that. I am communicating also that I don't love her. **I broke the code! My actions were communicating "I love you" or "I don't love you!"** Picking up my shoes is an "I love you!" This changed everything I did. I never walk into the house and throw my coat on the couch, because it is not just a coat on the couch. It is an "I don't love you." However, if I hang my coat in the closet, it is an "I love you!" Your "Code Talker" is different, but to clearly communicate, you need to break the code. My final word:

Proverbs 13:14 (ESV)

The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life,
that one may turn away from the snares of death.

Look at another example of breaking the code! Your wife asks you to fix the facet. You have four other things that need to be done first. Therefore, you tell her about the other four other things you need to do. **She seems upset.** Therefore, having all the facts to communicate your goal, you explain to her why these four things are more important than fixing her facet. **Hearing all your facts, she now seems more upset.** Therefore, seeing her agitation, you proceed to give her more facts to prove your point. **What she hears loud and clear is that she is #5 on your list.** She doesn't like being number 5 in your life.

However, with all your logic if you are successful, you will convince her that she is #5 in your life. Not Good! Break the code! She wants to be number 1! Therefore, make her number 1 by saying, “I love you dearly and I am happy to fix the facet for you.” After confirming she is number 1 say, “I do have these four other things that need to be done. How do you think we could accomplish them?” She is reasonable and you confirmed her place in your life, she will say, “God ahead and do the four tasks. You can get the facet later.” **The primary issue is where she rates in your life.**

One more code breaker experience. As I have mention before, when Linda and I were separates, I would try to initiate conversation with poor results. We had a routine where I would come home from work and she would then leave for work. Then she would return about midnight and I would leave for my place. One evening she came home and seemed upset. When I asked what was wrong, she said there were problems at work. Then I asked if she would mind sharing. **She began with a few comments, then the flood gates opened.** She shared about the difficulties at work, then about her hurts and pains, then she shared about all her issues with me. I didn't comment, disagree, or try to clarify anything. I just actively listened with minimal encouragers like yes, okay, I see, uh huh. I kept alert making good eye contact at all times, because I knew if I didn't the conversation would come to an abrupt end. She talked until 5 that morning. She looked at her watch and said, “It is late you need to go home.” As I was leaving, she said the most remarkable thing to me.

She said, “Thank you for talking to me!” As I walked to my car, thought, “I didn’t say anything! **I broke the code! Active listening is just like talking!** Often when trying to have husbands to communicate more, they will tell me they do not have anything to say. The issue is not the husband talking, it is about him actively listening!

Proverbs 20:5 (ESV)

The purpose in a woman’s heart is like deep water, but a man of understanding will draw it out.

Your wife is a Code Talker! Break the code! One must listen to draw out from her deep waters!

Ladies are sensitive and will feel emotions quickly. This is like a pitcher filling up with water. After a while the water begins slouching over the top. The husband needs to allow her to pour out her pitcher or (express) her emotions. After emotions are expressed the factual conversation can take place.

Why challenging the Man?

The Man can make mental changes but is still a man. For the Woman to change (stop being sensitive and relational) she has to stop being a woman. Therefore, the man needs to step up and protect her female God given qualities.

Sin messes up everything, but proper teaching and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit will lead God’s people to behave like Christ which will Exalt the woman and demand Leadership by the man which will model godliness to your children.