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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
From the Desk of Chetan

INTRODUCTION

A book that will make you understand the way
woman think compared to men.

After sitting with some friends I realized that I
did know a lot of people who never really
understood their spouse and due to that there
were always problems in their marriage and
relationships

I believe that if we take our rightful place in a
relationship and do the best we can do with the
Lord's help of course our life will be happy.

WHERE DO I BEGIN?

Today was a good day as a few friends sat around just talking about events that were taking place and all of a sudden the conversation turned to “Woman and Men” and their relationships.

How do woman think? Why do woman do what they do? Is it that they are going through in life and how it will have an effect on them?

Well as we talked we all shared a little, we ate, I came home did a few things around the house and then decided it was getting late and I should crawl into bed as time was slipping away and tomorrow was going to be a busy day.

Crawling between the covers and all snuggled up I realized that I could not sleep like I thought. All the words that we talked about today kept going through my mind and after tossing and turning for about three quarters of an hour I decided to get up and write a book on our discussions of today.

YES, it is after midnight and even though tomorrow is a busy day I really felt the need to just do some more talking not to anyone except to the person reading this book right now.

I have sat and wondered just where to start and then it came to me. First, this is to the married couple only. There are always different rules for each stage of life and if we follow those rules we are sure to have a happy life. So married friends and those who have been married and yet never understood their marriage you are definitely invited to read this book.

My first thoughts go to how a man thinks and why. It seems that men were made so different from a woman and yet have many of the same needs that woman have. Now being a woman and being married four times, which all ended in total disaster it always made me wonder what was wrong with me. Many in my family said I was stubborn, unwilling to submit, and on and on I could go. I never saw myself as any of this and so it even confused me more and more.

We are not really going to discuss me and my failures in this book even though I may add a few stories to keep you reading. But let's take a look at some of the ladies that I have known and examine the way they think about things.

This book is totally for the Christian couple who have a strong desire to serve the Lord in every capacity of their being. I for one am one of those ladies...

I thought I would start out with describing a few of the woman I have met and may have even been like them in the past. I will take each woman individually and hopefully it will help you understand why and how woman are the way they are. Of course all the names are fictitious...lol or are they?

SEXY SUSAN...

Susan is a woman who loves to look good all the time. She will not do anything until she bathes in the morning and puts on her make-up.. Curls her hair and gets completely dressed. You will never see Susan sitting



around in her house coat. Well I sometimes would wonder just why Susan was this way. I am not this way, even though I do like to put my make-up on before too long after arising just in case someone comes to the door and I give them a scare. Susan really has some issues that lie deep within her. Her x husband

always told her to look good, dress sexy for him. Now there is nothing wrong with anyone looking good but he carried it to the extreme. She had to wear tight clothing, 3 inch high heels and have long sexy hair. She felt accepted when she dressed like this and after their bitter divorce she couldn't figure out what she had done wrong. Her x had left her for another woman. Susan was devastated but still kept up the image of a sexy woman. Could it be that she felt insecure within herself? That she had been knocked down so many times that she felt that she had to dress this way? Some woman are very sensitive and they want to please others, especially the men that they are in a relationship with. Susan didn't realize that God loved her just the way she was, with make up or with no make up. You may relate to Susan in some way too. Susan began to read for herself about what God saw in her and she started to see how lovely she was even in her Pj's.

DEADBEAT DEBBIE...

Debbie is a woman who when asked a question she will say “I don’t care” ... Debbie had been spoiled all her life by her parents and when Debbie found the man of her dreams everything was great for the first few years.



After the children came life became stale to Debbie and she just wanted to get away from others that interrupted in her daily routine.

She loved the soap operas that played on television and made sure no matter what was going on that they came first in her life. Many times the children suffered and so did her husband, who never did understand why she had changed. Was he too soft with this woman and let her be the way she wanted to be. He certainly didn't like to have a deadbeat wife and yet that is what he had. Debbie's husband started to stay longer at the office and was taking more business trips. Eventually he found a new woman to take her place. To this day she still blames him for the divorce and him finding someone else. Not really his fault though, see men get out and work to provide and certainly don't want to come home to a dead beat wife. Am I right?

LAZY LAURA...

Laura just didn't like housework, didn't like doing laundry, and didn't like shopping, didn't like caring for the kids, didn't like cooking supper. Laura was just plain LAZY.



Laura's day consisted of laying in bed till noon, getting up and drinking coffee as she watched her favorite television shows. Some days she had good intentions at least that is what she told her husband but never followed through with them. He would come to home to her sitting drinking coffee and telling him what to make for supper. He made supper all the time, cared for the kids and even did the laundry and cleaned the house. He passed away at 40 years old leaving Laura and the children. I saw Laura a few years later, thinking that she may have changed I wanted to talk with her. Sadly all that came out of her mouth was how terrible her husband was and she was glad that he had died. I couldn't believe my ears, she was glad that this good man passed away? Sad for Laura, she was stuck in the mode of "It's all about Laura".

JEALOUS JULIE...

Julie was terrible to be around. Many times I had to keep my distance. She had a wonderful husband who loved her 100% and yet everything he did she questioned him on it.



Who was he talking to on the phone? Where had he gone after work as he was 10 minutes late? Why did he do this and do that? This poor man's life was totally miserable. Now what made Julie so jealous. Julie had her own problems but just couldn't see it, it was easier for Julie to question her husband than face us to the fact that Julie needed help.

GREEDY GRACE...

Grace was married only a few months when she suggested she handle the bills. She was a stay at home housewife and loved to look good and have a nice home. Tim her husband didn't see anything wrong with her paying the bills,



getting groceries etc. so he started to give her his paycheck. She would hand him \$20 for coffee for the week and go with him to fill up the gas tank and that was it. Grace was all about Grace and would pay the bills but the balance of the money went to Grace and what she wanted. It certainly wasn't \$20 either that she had in her pocket ... Poor Grace hadn't learned that greed is certainly not how God wants us to live. As I write about this woman my mind goes to the Bible and I think of Proverbs 31.... And the many scriptures pertaining to put others first ... Did she have joy? I don't think so.

HEADACHE HOLLY...

Everytime Holly's husband wanted to have sex, Holly had a headache... Now did she really? No, but it was a good excuse. See many woman don't have a sex drive and they get into a routine especially at night. Maybe it is reading a book or watching a good movie before going to bed, then lights off. Holly at first loved sex but as time went by she began to get comfortable in her own lifestyle. There are many scriptures on this in the Bible too and at the end of this book I am going to list all of them.



PEACEFUL PEGGY...

Peggy was a wonderful woman who had peace in her life and it showed. She never thought of herself in any situation but she always showed love to her husband and children. She was happy and contented just making sure that her family was well taken care of . Many in the neighborhood were blessed by Peggy as she would make cookies and take each neighbor a little plate of them. She was well spoken of and her husband loved her dearly. Her children grew up to love God as Peggy was always showing them the way to live a good clean life. Hmmmm I think Peggy spent a lot of time reading the Bible and Praying don't you?



NAGGING NANCY...

Nancy was constantly nagging her husband.. Do this Do that, No, Yes, Why, I don't want too, You never do this, and on and on she would go.

Her husband was so tired of her that he ended up staying away from home a lot. He just couldn't take the nagging anymore. What was wrong with Nancy? She was a very unhappy person who wanted her own way. Sad isn't it?



What do the Scriptures have to say.....

Proverbs 21:9 - It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house.

Proverbs 27:15 - A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike.

Proverbs 21:19 - It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.

Proverbs 25:24 - It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman and in a wide house.

Proverbs 19:13 - A foolish son [is] the calamity of his father: and the contentions of a wife [are] a continual dropping.

MY WAY MONA...

Now Mona is a nice lady and to many in her church she is a perfect woman. A woman who loves others, is very friendly and loves to have people like her. Sadly though her husband sees her in a different light. When he met her years before she was sweet, kind and loved the

Lord a lot. Her desire was to be the perfect wife and to raise a family and do all the things that a wife should do. Marriage at the beginning was good. She had a wonderful husband who loved her a lot but as time went by all the things that she was determined to do in her marriage started to change. Instead of making her husband happy her thoughts and actions went to “MONA”.



She kept thinking about what would make her happy instead of others... Yeah she put on a big front when she was in the company of others but not when alone with her husband. She started to get distant in many ways. It started out with small things as most things do. She wanted to watch her favorite television show. Her husband being the great guy that he is would go along with it, but as the years went by it became more and more about Mona and what Mona wanted. Sadly, life passed by and hubby realized that his life was not his own but it was being controlled by his wife. When he did stand up to her, she would always start a fight and even would stop talking until she got her own way. See Mona even though being a Christian had no idea of how a Christian woman should be. Who was the loser in this situation? Yes, you are right Mona.

Each time I think of a couple and relationships I tell people now that the Bible is the book with all the answers. There isn't anything that cannot be found in the pages regarding every situation.

Mona needed to learn that she had to die to self and put others first, especially her husband and she was not willing to do that. Not only was she ruining her marriage but because of her selfishness she was ruining her relationship with God. Will she realize this? Probably not. Many are in the same situation as Mona, they want what they want and they don't care who gets in the way, even if it the spouse that she loved at one time but put him aside for her own selfish desires.

Let's look at the Bible and see if we can find anything in there regarding Mona... When God created Adam, he saw that it was not good for a man to be alone so what did he do? He made a woman as a helpmeet for the Man. Let's look at the scripture on that ..

Genesis 2:18 King James Version (KJV)

18 And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

He didn't make a Mona who wanted her own way, He made woman to help the man. Now to me helping the man means to stand by him, be there when he needs her and to love him unconditionally. Years ago I never saw the seriousness of this, but as time has gone by I am seeing more and more that a man needs a woman and the woman needs a man. When two people have the same desire, fall in love and marry they compliment each other. BUT, ladies remember the man is the head of the house. I have preached many times at woman's meetings and as I spoke I could see the looks on the faces of the ladies. There was one service that a lady actually got up and said "No man will ever tell me what to do" and walked out. It was a short time after that their marriage broke up leaving their only child to suffer the consequences of this stubborn woman.

Let's look at Scripture again regarding this.

Genesis 2:20-25

20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

21 And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

22 And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

From the very beginning God had a plan, and many of us have by not listening to what God had to say made many lives miserable.

Mona and her selfish desires caused many heartaches for her husband. See, her husband loved the Lord very much, He was a good husband too that loved Mona but as time went by he knew that the Lord wanted him to go to the Mission Field. For a few years God was tugging at his heart and then Mona and him sat down to discuss what God was telling him. She agreed that God was telling him to go but Mona at that time proceeded to tell him that she couldn't come right away but if he went she would surely follow within a short time. Sadly, Mona had no intentions of coming from the beginning. One excuse after another kept making time pass and her husband bore the pain of her loss. He never did understand what had gone wrong. There were times when he even blamed himself thinking if he had maybe done things differently but when in all actuality it had nothing to do with him It was Mona.... Mona didn't know her place as a Christian wife. When I think of Mona I think of Queen Vashti. Remember that story in the Bible... Let's take a look again at the scriptures, I thought we should start at the beginning of the book of Esther to help you understand more fully...

Esther 1 King James Version (KJV)

1 Now it came to pass in the days of Ahasuerus, (this is Ahasuerus which reigned, from India even unto Ethiopia, over an hundred and seven and twenty provinces:)

2 That in those days, when the king Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which was in Shushan the palace,

3 In the third year of his reign, he made a feast unto all his princes and his servants; the power of Persia and Media, the nobles and princes of the provinces, being before him:

4 When he shewed the riches of his glorious kingdom and the honour of his excellent majesty many days, even an hundred and fourscore days.

5 And when these days were expired, the king made a feast unto all the people that were present in Shushan the palace, both unto great and small, seven days, in the court of the garden of the king's palace;

6 Where were white, green, and blue, hangings, fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and pillars of marble: the beds were of gold and silver, upon a pavement of red, and blue, and white, and black, marble.

7 And they gave them drink in vessels of gold, (the vessels being diverse one from another,) and royal wine in abundance, according to the state of the king.

8 And the drinking was according to the law; none did compel: for so the king had appointed to all the officers of his house, that they should do according to every man's pleasure.

9 Also Vashti the queen made a feast for the women in the royal house which belonged to king Ahasuerus.

10 On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven chamberlains that served in the presence of Ahasuerus the king,

11 To bring Vashti the queen before the king with the crown royal, to shew the people and the princes her beauty: for she was fair to look on.

12 But the queen Vashti refused to come at the king's commandment by his chamberlains: therefore was the king very wroth, and his anger burned in him.

13 Then the king said to the wise men, which knew the times, (for so was the king's manner toward all that knew law and judgment:

14 And the next unto him was Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, the seven princes of Persia and Media, which saw the king's face, and which sat the first in the kingdom;)

15 What shall we do unto the queen Vashti according to law, because she hath not performed the commandment of the king Ahasuerus by the chamberlains?

16 And Memucan answered before the king and the princes, Vashti the queen hath not done wrong to the king only, but also to all the princes, and to all the people that are in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus.

17 For this deed of the queen shall come abroad unto all women, so that they shall despise their husbands in their eyes, when it shall be reported, The king Ahasuerus commanded Vashti the queen to be brought in before him, but she came not.

18 Likewise shall the ladies of Persia and Media say this day unto all the king's princes, which have heard of the deed of the queen. Thus shall there arise too much contempt and wrath.

19 If it please the king, let there go a royal commandment from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, that it be not altered, That Vashti come no more before king Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal estate unto another that is better than she.

20 And when the king's decree which he shall make shall be published throughout all his empire, (for it is great,) all the wives shall give to their husbands honour, both to great and small.

21 And the saying pleased the king and the princes; and the king did according to the word of Memucan:

22 For he sent letters into all the king's provinces, into every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language, that every man should bear rule in his own house, and that it should be published according to the language of every people.

When I read this it makes it so clear to me what God had planned for a man and a woman. Queen Vashti reminds me of Mona a lot. She was defiant and was going to do what she wanted to do. But, not only did it come back to bite her but she lost out on so much in life that was right there in front of her all the time. For her to act that way she did shows me that her husband was a good man, sadly she didn't care much now did she.

Some may say well it might have been that she was having a good time and didn't want to leave or that she was going through changes in her own body that made her act that way. I hear so many woman say at a certain age that they just are not the same as they used to be but being a woman myself I see where many excuses are made to the husband so that a woman can get her own way. Now men don't think like woman do and they tend to believe what they are told, especially when they love that woman.

It really is sad how woman lose out a lot by not respecting their husbands. Ladies if your husband loves the Lord and is genuinely trying to do what God wants him to do then it is your place to support your husband in all his undertakings. GOD will bless a woman who stands by her husband.

Here is a few more Scriptures for woman....

1 Peter 3:1-2 - Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

Ephesians 5:21-33 - Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

Proverbs 12:4 - A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.

1 Peter 3:5-6 - For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

Ephesians 5:24 - Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

Proverbs 11:22 -As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair woman which is without discretion.

1 Corinthians 7:10-11 - And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband:

WELL, I can imagine this book being thrown across the room by some and never picked up again. BUT, we don't really see ourselves as at fault in marriages ... Am I right? Women like men tend to point the finger at the other and say it is their fault and if they didn't act that way I wouldn't act this way. That is a cop out. I often think of the day when we will stand before God and he asks us "WHY" why did we act that way? Now I try to live my life pleasing to Him. He promises to bless us if we do what He wants us to do. No matter what you are going through in your marriage God can work it out.

Don't get me wrong if a woman or man is being beat up, abused in many ways then it is best that you go for counselling and maybe even part for a season to work things out. There is always underlying issues that cause problems in a relationship and you have to find out what they are to be able to solve them.

OK LET'S CHECK THE MEN OUT...

MONEY CONSCIOUS MIKE..



Mike is a man who is a generally good guy and yet is always worried about spending too much money on anything and especially when it comes to his wife, he tends to be worse. When he was courting her money didn't mean anything to him and he took her out to nice

restaurants, plays and did what a man should do to win her heart (at least some woman want to have it this way, but many don't) Many woman want a man to just show them affection and money isn't the issue.. But sadly, Mike was taking it over the limit. When they went, grocery shopping his wife would pick up a can of coffee, not the cheapest but the best tasting. Mike would tell her to put it back as it was a bit expensive. That was the routine of each shopping trip. Shopping trips to her became a terrible chore instead of something to enjoy with her spouse. If she went shopping by herself to purchase a few things, he always asked for the receipt and checked the change. Now many of you are probably thinking that there is no one like that around but I have had my personal experiences with men like that and believe me it is no way to live. Making a budget and working together is what is needed. Funny thing with Mike too is if he had needs or was going on a fishing trip with his brothers or friends, the best of food was purchased for that. There was no limit on how much had to be spent. Made me wonder many times just what was going on in Mike's head when it came to him and his wife. Did he just want to be the Boss?

DOMINEERING DAVID...

David was a man who had to have everything his way and if it wasn't done he would make sure it got done. His friend was to be married in a week and he gave his wife some money to go and buy a nice dress for the occasion. She knew how David was with things so she purchased a long skirt and a top that came pretty close to her neckline.



No cleavage here..lol When the day of the Wedding came, she got dressed and came downstairs. David was sitting in his favorite chair waiting. When he looked up and saw her instead of a smile he told her to go and change. She was shocked and said “WHY?”. He proceeded to tell her that her dress was too tight. Well she did go back upstairs and ended up changing three times and he still was not satisfied. All of a sudden, the phone rang and it was his friend asking where he was as David was the best man. Well David gave a lame excuse that he couldn't make it. How sad for David that his day had changed all because of what his wife wore. Was David domineering? Or did David have many more issues that were underlying and his wife was the target that he could take aim at? Something to think about huh?

GROPING GARY

Now Gary was a great guy, loved people and loved going out with his wife to places. She was a sweet lady that was pretty quiet and loved Gary a lot. Well Gary had a problem in two areas.. HIS HANDS...



Gary everywhere he went just couldn't keep his hands off his wife. I can hear you say now that there is nothing wrong with that and you are right to a point but Gary didn't seem to know when the right time was. His hands were on her shoulders, on her back, rubbing her Well we won't go there... But all he could do was grope no matter where they were. Many times his wife would ask him not to do that in public but Gary just didn't listen. It wasn't long before Gary and his wife were having problems, she was getting tired of all the touching. If she sat on the couch, he squeezed in beside her and the dog.. Men have to realize that there are times when a woman needs to be alone. Now I don't mean left alone a lot just times when she needs to sit across from her man and look into his eyes.. His wife started to feel the very opposite and wanted to spend time away from him. Gary was chasing his wife away...

BOSSY BILL...

Bill was a good guy, heart of gold and loved his wife dearly but sadly he wanted to boss his wife in a nasty way. She was doing the dishes once and as she went to lay the dish cloth which was wet over the counter to let it dry. He got up and said “That is not how you do it” she was shocked and said “What?” He then proceeded to fold the wet dish cloth and lay it at the one side of the sink. She was shocked as he went to sit down to eat the remainder of his meal. Bill was bossy, it had to be his way or the highway. Well after many encounters of how to do things his way his wife chose the Highway.



WANDERING WILLY...

Willy is a good provider, laughs a lot, listens occasionally but he wanders... In what way you ask? Everything wanders. His feet, His eyes, His thoughts. He loves to look at woman, the fat ones, the old ones, the skinny ones, the wrinkled ones and when he finds the pretty ones, he is gone.



No he never physically does anything but in his mind he does. He finds that he just can't stop doing this. I have asked myself many times ... Why does Willy Wander? Well here is what I think. When he got married 20 years before, his wife was a pretty nice looking lady. She kept herself well kept, hair done, make up on, and now that they have been married for all these years she has got into a groove and has got comfortable. Sadly she doesn't realize that a man is visual. When he wakes up till the time he goes to bed he is looking. When his gaze gets to his wife and she is in PJ's at 3 in the afternoon with her hair all messed up it really turns him off. Men are visual remember and to keep it real need to see their wives looking good. Men also need to have sex often and if your husband doesn't then I can guarantee if he hasn't had an affair he is on the verge of it. There are scriptures too that talk about what a wife and her husband should be doing in the bedroom. I will save that for the end of this book :) It isn't reading a book either.

LAZY LARRY...

Now Larry is a nice man and wants to please everyone and do things for everyone except in his own home. The lawn needs cut, the garbage needs taken out and here is Larry laying on the couch eating potato chips and watching television. What ever happened to make Larry this way? Could it be that he feels like no one in the home really cares about him? That just might be it ...



OVERSEXED ORVAL...

Orval was a man who just couldn't get enough sex. His first wife divorced him, his second left him, and here he was wondering what was wrong... Now it wasn't that his wives didn't like sex but he took it to the extreme. Orval didn't know that woman need some leading up to the event.. trying to put this out there in a good way. A woman's body is so much different than a man's and she needs to be hugged, talked too and let know that her husband really cares for her, not just a slam bam thank you mam kind of thing. Orval just didn't get it.



NO SEX NATHANIAL...

Nathanial is certainly not like Orval. He couldn't care less if he got sex or not. He is busy with what he likes to do and that could be anywhere from fixing his car, riding his bike, watching the game and goofin off with the guys. He acts like he is single most of the time and concentrates on what he wants out of life. Something wrong with this picture for sure.



DEADBEAT DOUG...

Doug is just a plain old deadbeat. He can't find a job. Can't cut the grass cause when he thinks of it his back hurts. Has to lay in the lazy boy all day and get served by someone as he is too tired to get up and get anything for himself. Sad Doug is like this cause he is the one who is losing out on so much.



HARD WORKER HARRY...

Now let's look at Harry, clean cut hard working man. Loves to laugh, get his hands dirty and always ready to reach out to those in need around him. He is always smiling and laughing with others. One thing he is good at is encouraging those around him to have HOPE when they feel all is lost. I would say that Harry knows God quite well.



SENTIMENTAL STU...

Stu is a good guy, great big heart and always listening to what his wife has to say. He knows the secret to making his wife happy. He listens to her. Woman love to be listened too and of course they sometimes talk too much but Stu seems to want to listen. Great going Stu... bet you got a good wife ..

SHARING SAM...

Sam is always sharing everything with everyone. His wife gets pretty mad at him most of the time for this but Sam says it is better to give than to receive and this lifestyle brings Sam joy. His wife loves him deeply and never nags at him even though she gets mad at him. Guess they got a pretty good relationship.



PROVIDER PAUL...

Paul is a provider, his family brought him up to be the head of the house and to take care of his wife and kids. He will do any job that needs done to make a living and put food on the table. He loves his family and wants them happy.

PERFECT PHILIP...

Philip is a man who is a perfectionist. Every shirt has to be ironed and set out on the bed for him each morning. Philip will find a wrinkle where there is no wrinkles. He complains if the garbage is half full and if there is a spoon in the sink. Sadly Philip is headed for a heart attack, he carries stress with him each day. He is trying too hard to be perfect when all he has to do is give it all over to God and let the Holy Spirit bring peace into his life.



Well I have covered a few people that I have known and some of their quirks in life. Some are good and some are bad, but it all boils down to what does God have to say about the way we live. Do we want to have a happy life, a good relationship, have joy overflowing and when we reach those pearly gates have God say, “Well done.”

FROM THE DESK OF CHETAN



Question:

Being born in India please explain your culture pertaining to a committed couple and marriage?

Answer:

It's different there.

if u see some legacy practices...

people don't prefer multiple relations.

They see each other before marriage, if they like each other then they get married.

Once married they normally don't get into other extra marital affairs...subject to family conditions...

but they prefer to stick around each other and not break the marriage.

so single life ...

single partner.

early 60's things started changing.

People started picking up their own partners as opposed to the legacy practice of arranged marriage..

Arranged marriages still occur. It's not that it has stopped,

but the percentages of arrange marriages have reduced over the period of time.

Question:

Do you think inter-racial marriages work best or should a person stay with their own race?

Answer:

Well it's up to one's comfort...

If two people like each other then there shouldn't be anyone stopping them from living with each other.

White and black marriage is something people look at with high eyebrows.

But same time if a caucasian marries a white... then it's not a big deal.

Question:

How long do you feel a couple should wait before having children? and Why?

Answer:

Some people are financially ready still they are comfortable having kids...

Few are financially ready but still mentally not ready...

Relations or newborns bring good feeling..

so whenever they are mentally ready....they should go for it.

If they are too practical and want a very good and stable life for the kids then they should wait for both ... mental readiness and financial readiness.

Question:

What is your input on a partner marrying a woman / man with children? How will they partake in the role of parent?

Answer:

So this is everywhere... as long as the kids are taken good care of ... they can marry anyone...because in separation kids are hurt the most.

So if they find caring partner who will take care of kids along with your feelings, i think things should be fine.

Question:

Why does a man who has a beautiful woman sometimes leaves her for a homely woman who is out of shape?

Answer:

He must be out of his senses to do that... because of money or because of some other interest.

Question:

Does a man like to see a woman in a dress or pants / jeans?

Answer:

Whatever she is in comfortable in

Question:

When a man gets home from work is it best for the woman/wife to be silent to give him time to relax for a bit?

Answer:

Yeh, it's a good idea..

Question:

Do Men like a woman to run their bath and lay out their clothing?

Answer:

I wouldn't want her to do my stuff unless she herself is interested in doing the same... a little bit here and there is fine. but being totally dependent is not fair...

Question:

What makes a man attracted to a woman?

Answer:

Well that depends on individual basis.
Each woman is different.

Question:

Why do some men after marriage still act single?

Answer:

Either they are married late and they are used to living single life.
its takes a while for them to come out of that way of living.
Few people struggle to get along and find themselves comfortable dealing with their issues alone.
Some people just want to have fun...

Question:

Why do men like to play the game of chase the woman, when they get her they act like they have won and then no longer act like they did when chasing her ..

Answer:

Not all men do that...

The ones who do are the ones who don't want to show how badly they wanted that woman... the one who accept are the ones who are fine taking criticism

Question:

Why do woman get upset when a man forgets her birthday etc.

Answer:

It's just matter of attention

Question:

What is your definition of love?

Answer:

hmmm

I don't know it can be defined so easily and in handful of words.

It's like letting your life in someone's hand for the rest of the years you live.

Once you do that it becomes a responsibility as well.

You need to change your mindset.

It should come from within to change the way one would think.

Things are changing.

my answers are based on some part of culture major part of religion and my experiences.

Question:

To make a marriage work, what is your best piece of advice to a couple who are newly married?

Answer:

Have trust and patience and do your part in marriage with dedication and devotion.

Question:

Do you believe love grows as time goes by or do you believe it is love at first sight?

Answer:

I don't believe in love at first sight
I don't believe love grows as time goes by
As time goes by you are more dependent, more used to and take things more granted at times...and anyone can get bored or frustrated with above things.
More efforts you put in to make it work.
love grows with that.
Relationship thrives on your efforts.
Your ability to make it work.

Question:

Woman are run by their emotions ... Men think logically... Why is this?

Answer:

It's by nature
this is how we are made
that's why men are comfortable doing certain things that women normally don't go for...
and vice versa.

Question:

Should a woman ask a man for a date?

Answer:

Yes she can if she is ok asking.
It depends on the culture as well ... if its not the trend around here I think still she can go with her feelings.

Question:

Some woman buy men gifts when they are just dating a few times. They want to buy him even though they are not in a serious relationship.. Is this the right thing to do?

Answer:

They can do it as long as individual likes it. and as long as they have sufficient funds to spare. 😊

They can do it as long as other individual likes it.

Question:

When a wedding is being planned for a couple. Does the man like to have a big wedding or is he content to just have family there ?

Answer:

Well if the parents are spending then they will want their kid to have a grand wedding ... in such case they need to have a word with their kids as to what they would prefer.... it's good to spend less on wedding and give that money to the duo for their future life...

most of the time parents end up doing show off unnecessarily.

If couple is spending from their own pocket then they should invite people as per their budget.

Question:

Do men think Long Term or Short Term ?

Answer:

Not all men long term...
responsible and mature men will always think long term

Closing Summary:

Relationships work on trust and patience
give dedication and devotion and have trust
and patience.
things should work out well.

Chetan

In the Scriptures we find the best way to live, the best way to treat others and the best way to have a great marriage. I am going to list scripture here with maybe a question or two before each verse. Read them and see if you can see yourself in them. I know I have learned so much when I stopped letting those behind the pulpits be my Bible and I got digging for myself. I have learned that by letting go and letting God handle our situations it is the best way. When we die to self and let Him be Lord of our life we have peace and real peace. When we follow the scriptures in our everyday life we start to see that His plan for us was to live in harmony and be at peace. We are only on this earth for a short time compared to eternity. If we take our own feelings and set them aside and live like He wants us too we will be complete. Your marriage will be complete and the plan that He has for your life will unfold.

SCRIPTURES:

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY.....

Question: My wife does not want to have sex with me.

Answer: 1 Corinthians 7:3-5:

The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise, the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

Question: What does it say in Scripture about a wife in a marriage?

Answer: Proverbs 31:10-31 NIV

The Wife of Noble Character

10 A wife of noble character who can find?

She is worth far more than rubies.

11 Her husband has full confidence in her
and lacks nothing of value.

12 She brings him good, not harm,
all the days of her life.

13 She selects wool and flax
and works with eager hands.

14 She is like the merchant ships,

bringing her food from afar.

15 She gets up while it is still night;

she provides food for her family
and portions for her female servants.

16 She considers a field and buys it;

out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.

17 She sets about her work vigorously;

her arms are strong for her tasks.

18 She sees that her trading is profitable,

and her lamp does not go out at night.

19 In her hand she holds the distaff

and grasps the spindle with her fingers.

20 She opens her arms to the poor

and extends her hands to the needy.

21 When it snows, she has no fear for her

household;

for all of them are clothed in scarlet.

22 She makes coverings for her bed;

she is clothed in fine linen and purple.

23 Her husband is respected at the city gate,

where he takes his seat among the elders of
the land.

24 She makes linen garments and sells them,

and supplies the merchants with sashes.

25 She is clothed with strength and dignity;

she can laugh at the days to come.

26 She speaks with wisdom,

and faithful instruction is on her tongue.

27 She watches over the affairs of her household

and does not eat the bread of idleness.

28 Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:

29 “Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.”

30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

31 Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

Well I guess this is the end of the book or is it? How is your marriage? Could it be better? Do you see yourself in any of the people that are mentioned in the book? If you do and you feel there is a place for change then move forward and CHANGE.

If you have problems with addictions and you are afraid to tell anyone... Drugs, Pornography, Sexual encounters, Smoking, Alcohol... I could keep going on about addictions But if you do have an addiction and you are hiding it, then it is time to speak with someone about it. Trusting others with your problems that have been kept secret for a long time might be hard to do but you must. You will find help and your life will be so much happier. Holding things secret only makes you stress whether you think it does or not. It is time to let go and let God do a work in you.

Being a Christian can be tough when you are trying to live up to what your spouse thinks you should be..... Am I right? Jesus Christ died for us and accepts us unconditionally no matter what we have done. I know many who are caught up in homosexuality and they are keeping it a secret and ONE DAY it will come out... their marriages will be destroyed and they will be lost. I knew a young man who had come to the Lord, he had problems in many areas of his life and his wife was a real sweet lady. Well, she seemed to be until he started following the Lord closer and closer each day. He became happier and happier and she started nagging more and more. A few years down the road a Divorce came and then he ended up back into his old lifestyle again and ended up committing suicide.

Always remember satan is out to kill, steal and destroy you and will try everything he knows possible to do this. Don't give in, and let him win.

We serve a Mighty God who loves us and will help you no matter what your problem is .

God is behind marriage, it is a covenant between two people that should last the rest of their lives, should be happy and the couple should be best friends that can trust each other with anything.

Marriages fail because people jump into a marriage without realizing that they really don't love the person. Oh yeah they think they do, but that is usually LUST... within a short time the Lust that they had becomes stale and then they start to see the real person and they are stuck. They go to other things or people for their happiness. Sadly there could be children who will suffer when this happens. Maybe you are living like this or have lived like this. BUT there is HOPE in Jesus Christ .

This book only covers a few areas of marriage but I have found that the Bible covers it all. If we put God first in our life and LOVE others like we should we will find peace.

I once talked with a man whose wife had left with his two children. He was devastated, he withdrew from people and just read the Word of God and prayed. He started talking to his wife who had ran away with his best friend and treating her nice. Myself I couldn't understand it then and wondered how he could be so nice to a woman who was out to destroy him. But, he did and I realized as the years went by that his children loved him more for loving their mom. He did what Jesus would have done. No they didn't get back together and his wife and his best friend are still together today. He would laugh and say "I not only lost a wife but I lost my best friend also" meaning his friend who had went all through grade school with him. Yes to me it was devastating but as I look back now I see where God has blessed him for the way he handled the situation.

As a Christian we look to eternity, after all we are only here on earth for a short time, it is what we do here that will determine our life with Jesus. If you are separated, going through a divorce I urge you to pray, leave it with the Lord and do what the word of God says in

1 Corinthians 13 King James Version (KJV)

13 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

LOVE is the Key to happiness, LOVE is the Key to peace in our life. When we learn to die to our own desires and live for what God desires of us then we will walk in LOVE. We may not get what we want but we will know that we are doing the right thing and there is such JOY in doing what pleases the Lord.



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