GODLY WISDOM FOR WOMEN IN CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

(Marriage Series)

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Series 3:
BUILDING YOUR HOME WISELY AS A WOMAN WITH AN UNRULY, UNBELIEVING HUSBAND
Text: (Ephesians 4:26)

Prayer
Father in Jesus name, our Lord and God we bless your holy name be thou exalted Lord in the name of Jesus, Father we thank you for all you've done in our lives through this teaching be thou glorified, as we continue In today's teaching Lord teach us yourself, the grace to be the doer of your word Lord grant unto us, at the end of everything Lord let's have the full cause to glorify your name in Jesus mighty name we have prayed 🙏

Study
Building Your Home Wisely as a Woman with an Unruly, Unbelieving Husband

1. Learn to Keep Silent When Either of You Is Angry: This is very important. The Bible says, "Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath" **(Ephesians 4:26).** Your anger can lead to sin, and to prevent this, you must learn silence. It has been proven that women often find it difficult to remain silent in tense situations. However, a wise woman chooses to keep silent even when tempted to speak. You may have a husband who rains abuses and curses on you. It would be unwise to return the abuses, respond with curses, or say, "Back to sender." Instead, reject them in your heart. Speaking out will only escalate the problem. He is not saved, so you cannot expect anything better from him.

Your silence cannot be misunderstood. Even when you are right, remain silent. When you sense problems brewing, remember the English adage: "Speech is silver, but silence is gold." The Bible also affirms this in **Proverbs 17:28: "**Even a fool, when he holdeth

his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding."In your silence, avoid actions or gestures that could be perceived as rude, for actions sometimes speak louder than words. Do not whistle, sing, or display any attitude of defiance when your husband is expressing his anger. Simply sit calmly and continue with your tasks naturally. This does not mean you are foolish; rather, it proves your wisdom. As **Ecclesiastes 7:9** warns, "Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools."

2. Learn to Pray About Everything: A woman who wisely builds her home will not see her husband as the enemy but will recognize Satan as the real adversary working against her marriage. A woman must be prayerful, regardless of whether her husband is saved or not. She should always take the matters of her home to the Lord in prayer. When things are not going smoothly, she should bring them before God with thanksgiving. Even when situations seem to be getting worse, she should still pray. There are many things to pray about concerning her home, especially if her husband is not saved or has backslidden. The salvation of her husband is of utmost importance and should be at the top of her prayer list. She should continually pray that the Lord will touch his heart and grant him genuine salvation.

Additionally, she should bind Satan, who is influencing her husband's ways, rather than praying against her husband. When she prays, she should do so with wisdom, avoiding loud prayers that may be considered a disturbance. She must be sensitive to the atmosphere in her home. She should also refrain from moving from one prayer mountain to another, especially if her husband disapproves. Such a woman must understand that she has been entrusted with the role of a watchman and the priest of her home since her husband is not saved. Whenever he does things she dislikes, she should avoid confronting him harshly but instead

take the matter to God in prayer. She should not always expect immediate answers but must be patient and trust the Lord's perfect timing. Additionally, she should pray for the spirit of meekness and calmness, learning to remain composed even in tense situations.

3. Learn to Say, "I Am Sorry": As simple as these words are, they have great power to quench conflicts. However, they can sometimes be difficult to say, especially when you feel you are not at fault. Do not hesitate to say "I am sorry" when you see that a situation is escalating. Say it sincerely, showing that you truly mean it. Even though some men may still insult you after you apologize—telling you that you are only saying sorry for yourself—do not be discouraged. You know the purpose behind your actions. There is a Yoruba proverb that says: *Eni bá má mú ọbọ, á ṣè bí ọbọ*, meaning, *Whosoever shall capture the monkey must behave like the monkey*. In other words, wisdom sometimes requires humility and strategy. Even if your husband continues to rant, just keep saying, "I am sorry." Your goal is to maintain peace and prevent unnecessary conflicts. It is a shame for a Christian home when outsiders, such as the landlord or neighbors, have to intervene to settle marital disputes.

4. Never Talk Back or Abuse Your Husband: Do not be tempted to speak back in anger or insult your husband. Even if you are older than him, God does not support such behavior. No matter what happens, avoid this at all costs. Some women take pride in speaking harshly to their husbands, but do not follow their example. Your marriage is your own, not theirs. Everyone manages their home differently. As a wise woman, conduct yourself with wisdom, even if others around you behave foolishly. Some women say, "I don’t take nonsense. If my husband says A, I will say Z." These are not godly women, and they are not preparing for heaven. No woman who constantly

talks back at her husband or insults him can expect to please God. Furthermore, never speak evil of your husband's parents or siblings. When you do so, he will naturally feel that you are against him. Guard your words and let wisdom guide your actions.

5. Take Note of His Constant Complaints and Adjust: When a man repeatedly complains about certain things in your attitude or character and sees no effort to change, it can lead to ongoing problems in the marriage. If he complains that you appear untidy, work on yourself. If he dislikes the way you dress, be willing to make changes—so long as it aligns with modesty and does not promote sensuality. However, never do anything that displeases God just to please a man. Take time to understand God's standards, and calmly discuss with your husband that you are willing to adjust as long as it does not go against God's will.

Remember, you were created for him, and part of your wisdom as a wife is learning to adapt to him. This may not be easy, but it is possible. Though change may not happen overnight, with patience and effort, you can grow into it. There may be times when, despite your best efforts, it seems as if things are not improving and he remains dissatisfied. Do not be discouraged. Transformation takes time, and many changes unfold gradually.

Do not let yourself become overwhelmed. When you feel discouraged, ask the Lord for strength. Above all, never stop bringing your home before God in constant prayer.

Is someone still with me?

6. Always Appreciate His Efforts: Your unbelieving husband may not always show care or concern because he is influenced by a different spirit. However, as a wise woman, learn to show appreciation. When he does even small things, acknowledge

them. This will encourage him to do more. On the other hand, if you dismiss or belittle his efforts, he may feel discouraged and become unwilling to try again. Find words of praise that uplift him, even if he does not openly respond. Men love to be appreciated, even for little things. Tell him how grateful you are that he is your husband. Let him know you recognize his efforts and believe he will do even more when he is able. Take such moments to pray for him, asking the Lord to guide him and give him more strength. Even if he does not say **Amen**, your words will not go unnoticed. Though you may not see an immediate change, he is taking note of everything.

Avoid constant complaints that tear down his efforts, as this will only create more problems. Never compare him to other men by saying someone else is better. He may react negatively, even telling you to leave if you admire others so much. Behave wisely. Always greet him with respect in the way he values it. If kneeling to greet him is part of your culture and he expects it, do it in the way he loves. These small gestures of honor can go a long way in maintaining peace and love in your home.

7. Do Not Speak Evil About Your Husband: Be careful not to speak negatively about your husband to your children, neighbors, or family members. What you say about him will remain in their memories. Even if he changes and your marriage improves, people may still treat him with disrespect based on what you previously told them. Some women poison their children's hearts against their father by constantly reporting his faults. This should not be so. As his wife, you are in the best position to cover his shortcomings. Exposing his weaknesses does not make you look better; rather, it reflects poorly on you for having chosen such a man. Learn to speak positively about your husband. There is no man without good qualities—if only you take the time to recognize them.

8. Do Not Deny Him Your Body to Punish Him: Only foolish women who seek to destroy their homes use sex as a weapon. Do not fall into this trap, as even God does not support it. If you are tired or unwell, explain it to him calmly and politely, showing him respect. If he does not initially understand, yield to him if you can. A reasonable man will eventually notice when you are not responding as you should and will become more considerate in the future. However, outrightly denying him and insulting him by comparing his needs to eating food will only create bigger problems. Denying your husband intimacy as a means of punishment is dangerous. There are women who have already faced eternal judgment because of this. God never intended sex to be a weapon in marriage, for a husband and wife are not enemies.BHowever, in yielding to him, be mindful not to participate in perverse or ungodly sexual acts. Let your submission be in line with godly principles.

If you apply these principles consistently, the Lord will surely intervene in your marriage. However, you must not practice them only occasionally or when you feel like it, as that will not produce lasting results. Instead, make them a part of your daily life—whether convenient or not. That is when true transformation will be seen. **1 Peter 3:2** reminds us that a wife can win her husband by her conduct. This means that your way of life—not just your words—can influence your husband. One's conduct is not something temporary but a deep-seated pattern of life that defines a person. If these godly attributes become part of your nature, your lifestyle will naturally preach Christ to your husband without the need for many words. Many women struggle in marriage because their lives do not reflect Christ in a way that draws their husbands to Him. Their unbelieving husbands do not see the benefits of following Christ because they do not witness His transforming power in their wives' lives.

However, a truly transformed life—one that unbelievers cannot ignore—is the strongest evidence of a heart rooted in Christ Jesus. This is why every woman must remain faithful to her confession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. **A wise woman builds her home, but a foolish woman tears it down until it collapses beyond repair.**

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Say,

"Lord Jesus, I accept You as my personal Lord and Savior. I believe that You died for me and took away my sins so that I will not face the penalty of them. I surrender my life to You today, and I make a decision to obey and follow You. Come into my life now and accept me as Your child. Thank You for saving me, in Jesus Christ's name I pray, Amen."

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