



HOW TO BE A KINGDOM POWER COUPLE

KEY TAKE-AWAYS:

- God forms Kingdom power couples out of marriage
- Learn about Priscilla and Aquila, the power couple in Acts
- Understand the opportunities to serve as a team together

SUMMARY

For those with a spouse, marriage must always be integrated into LifeMastery first and then LifeMission. You want to grow together to support and encourage one another. It's critical for both of you to understand the **BATTLE READY** vocabulary to discuss and strategize your future. Your LifeMission will succeed and be served best in partnership with your spouse. Oftentimes the most influential of Kingdom exploits have a power couple involved.

The only New Testament leaders discussed as a marital team were Priscilla and Aquila. We find them working alongside the Apostle Paul in the Book of Acts. All three were tentmakers and used their work to support their LifeMission. Priscilla and Aquila teach us how a powerful couple can conduct Kingdom exploits together and alongside the church.



Here is the Kingdom power couple qualities they exercised:

- 1. They used their home and their business to serve the Kingdom.**
(Acts 18:1-4)
- 2. They exercised their status as self-determined forepersons to serve Kingdom purposes.** (Acts 18:18)
- 3. They leveraged their impact by strategically influencing people with demonstrated leadership potential.** (Acts 18:1-4)
- 4. They were committed to the local church's ministry with their time, ability, and resources.** (1 Corinthians 16:19)
- 5. They were more significant risk-takers for the Kingdom than in the marketplace.** (Romans 16:3-5)



DISCUSSION

1. Regarding Aquila and Priscilla, do you think they were unique in history and, therefore, an unduplicable model for marriage?

2. In what ways do you think Aquila and Priscilla were exemplary models we can emulate today?

3. Does their parallel approach of active careers alongside a meaningful calling partnership seem viable today? Why or why not?

4. Does the idea of Pauline-styled singleness seem viable for serious Christian leaders in the 21st Century? Why or why not?

BATTLE READY Living:

- You focus on marriage both as a LifeMastery commitment and as an opportunity to partner in LifeMission.
- You see your spouse as a teammate in strategizing Kingdom power couple exploits.
- You intentionally engage your spouse regarding the importance of LifeMastery and the opportunity for LifeMission.



MASTERING YOUR MARRIAGE

KEY TAKE-AWAYS:

- Practical ongoing investment in your marriage.
- Learn the importance of loving yourself.
- Be able to navigate difficult conversations without jeopardizing your marriage.

SUMMARY

For those with a spouse, investing in your spouse is mandatory. The enemy's number one target for someone operating in their LifeMission is their marriage. It is the quickest and most effective way to sideline a Kingdom entrepreneur. Practicing excellence in your marriage is critical and must be a lifelong pursuit.



Here are the fundamentals of practicing marriage excellence:

1. Love yourself like the Trinity loves you.

Jesus calls us to love others as ourselves. If we don't have love for ourselves, it won't be easy to love our spouse.

2. Know their love language and give it to them.

You give the love language you want in return. The problem is that your spouse's love language is usually different.

3. Opposites attract: Embrace it!

Don't be frustrated by your differences. Capitalize on them!

4. Don't cheat on your spouse.

Most don't cheat physically, but if you fantasize about it, your unconscious mind will act and treat your spouse like you have.

5. Reconciliation: practice the super apology.

Repeated apologies around the same issue become summarily ignored. The super apology has three elements that help you change unwanted behavior.

6. Fight fair.

Avoid Gottman's Four Horsemen to avoid a pathway to divorce.

7. Be their salvation.

Our call to love our spouses is a process of mutual submission. As Christ, I will think of their needs first.



DISCUSSION

1. List a habit currently working for you in your relationship with your spouse.

2. List a habit that is holding you back.

3. List what you need to know to change this habit. What's the cue/reward?

4. What new habit could you adopt that would restore or build up your relationship?

BATTLE READY Living:

- You see the practice of excellence in your marriage as the ultimate protection of your LifeMission.
- You practice being loved and cherished by God to have abundant love to give your spouse.
- You know your spouse's love language and are good at practicing it.
- You avoid committing adultery in mind just as much as you would in body.
- You work to honor your spouse even in moments of disagreement.



INVESTING IN YOUR KIDS

KEY TAKE-AWAYS:

- Access influence with your kids by making memories.
- Practical ongoing strategic investment in your kids.
- Teaching your kids about **BATTLE READY** and LifeMission.
- Creating quarterly 'Best Days.'

Resource Material: Revolutionary Parenting: Raising Your Kids to Become Spiritual Champions, by George Barna

SUMMARY

One of the prerequisites for leadership in the Kingdom is managing one's family. The Apostle Paul admonishes that if one cannot manage his own family, how can he care for God's Church? Good family management includes intentional and ongoing investment in your kids. It is a labor of love in which we glimpse what it must be like for our Heavenly Father to grow and guide us.

In today's busy and fast-paced world, parents are accustomed to outsourcing parenting to the other spouse, school, or church. But schools and even the church do not love your kid like you or have the insights you have. They have not experienced your child as you have. And the power of a parent's words has a far more significant impact on someone's life than you may recognize. **BATTLE READY** parenting requires strategic planning and implementation of initiatives to guide your child. They still need your attention and wisdom even after growing and leaving the nest. If you invest appropriately, your kids will never need **BATTLE READY**. They will have learned **BATTLE READY** and LifeMission from you.



MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. What do you imagine for your kid's future, regardless of age?

2. List a few action steps you need to implement.

3. Put a "Best Day" on the Calendar now!

BATTLE READY Living:

- You take full responsibility for developing your family's body, mind, soul, and spirit.
- You strategically plan how you will teach and train each child in your family.
- You consistently calendar "Best Days" to demonstrate your love and to be able to speak into their lives intentionally.
- You make sure your kids hear and remember who they are and why they are unique to you and God.
- You continue to invest in them and impart wisdom long after they become adults.



DREAMMASTER

KEY TAKE-AWAYS:

- Learning to dream together and aligning them to God's dreams.
- Using your imagination to focus on **BATTLE READY** initiatives.
- Rekindling dreams from the past.

SUMMARY

One of the privileges of the Kingdom is our ability to partner with the Trinity to dream. God is interested in the purposes stirring in your heart. He put them there. He desires to “fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith (Thessalonians 2:11-12).” Think about how you currently use your imagination. Is it used for escapism, or do you aim your imagination at dreaming Kingdom exploits? Proof of leadership is when you actively dream with God.

In the words of Stephen Covey, *“Everything is built twice. First in the mind and then in reality.”* If you can't dream it, you can't create it. DreamMaster is about creating intentional focus time to dream. This can be a solo session or with your spouse. If you dream with your spouse, provide a time for personal dreaming and then come together. Dream in each area of LifeMastery and for your LifeMission.



DREAM TYPES:

- For Your Marriage
- For Your Kids
- For Your Career
- For Your Finances
- For Your LifeMission

Dreaming is not just a one-off. It must be a repeated practice that accesses the Kingdom entrepreneur in you. Some of your dreams may be seasonal. Meaning they won't be ready until the coming of a future season. Some dreams are ripe with action. Once you've articulated a dream, determine if it is ripe for implementation. If so, put a plan to paper mapping the action steps of who and by when it will take action.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. Share some dreams you have had in the past.

2. Have you experienced them yet? What has held you back?

BATTLE READY Living:

- You understand that Kingdom leadership focuses the imagination on dreaming with God.
- You invest time quarterly to dream alone and with your spouse.
- You choose dreams in season and prepare an action plan to implement them.
- You find a DreamMaster Coach, then build and maintain dreams.