

Everybody Must Be Tested

Scripture reading: Ephesians 5:21-33

Brethren, this is the time when the devil is breaking up homes. I have never seen so many Christian homes being bombarded and broken. It is being broken up for nothing at all. Do you know what I mean? Somebody might say, "Well, we had a big problem." But very often it is little nothing. She moved a chair and the brother didn't want the chair moved. He talked about it, it brought something else and piled up and piled up and the devil piled up a long thing against you.

One night my wife, Mavis, and I were lying down in bed and the devil jumped right in between us. She got right up and rebuked him. She said, "Get out of here; we don't want you!"

Why? Because everybody must be tested. I hope you don't believe that there is one man or one woman that is not going to go through that test. You are going to have to go through the test and you are going to have to pass the test. I believe that the association between brother and sister is the nearest thing to Jesus Christ and His church. Anytime you overcome, you are going to win. Anytime you overcome that feeling of animosity against your partner - you are able to rise up and win.

"I am not going to have any feelings against him."

"I am not going to have any feelings against her."

Sometimes men are involved in the world doing their business and they forget their wives. They are just working so hard that they forget their wives. Or, they think, "She is put up aside there and when I am ready I am just going to turn on to her, but for now I am turned off and I am doing this and that and the other."

You see, when I am working outside and I feel that I have been out there so long and my mind is cut off from my wife, when I don't know what she is doing inside, sometimes I just rush right in. Maybe the devil is in there tempting her in some way. So I rush right in there, hug her, kiss her and say, "I'm going back to work." Oh, yes! Over the years you learn how to beat the devil and if a wrong thought comes to you, brother, it comes to your wife too. Don't believe it is going to come to you and not to your wife.

I remember one time I had a congregation and I could know exactly what the devil was saying, because he would come to me with it first. When I would go to church and preach the message on what the devil was saying, the brethren were shocked.

"How did you know that that is what happened to me?"

Oh, you had better believe it that the same thing that happens to the shepherd, happens to the sheep.

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Thought for today: You are going to have to go through the test and you are going to have to pass the test. Anytime you overcome that feeling of animosity against your partner - you are able to rise up and win.