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**Epic movies** – key ingredients, captures imagination... the man of honour, evil, the battle, the damsel in distress.

What can we take with us when we die? Nothing. Except relationships.

## The battle (is for relationship)

Evil in the world? Their mission: **Hell on earth**. Destroy relationship.

Heaven or Hell? \*Relationships that work = closest you will get to heaven on earth. **Broken relationships** = closest you'll get to hell on earth.

- **Ladies** – wear pink glasses en hearing aids. **Speak pink and hear pink**. **Men** – wear blue glasses and hearing aids. Speak and hear blue. Put the two together? Serious miscommunication.
- **Resolving the conflict:** Before we can speak the other's language, we need to put on another pair of glasses. We need to put on **yellow glasses or Holy Spirit glasses**. **See what God sees, hear what God hears**.
- **Distracted:** Men are on a mission for anything and everything except true relationship.

## The love of our lives (our treasure)

**Proverbs 18:22 (NLT)** <sup>22</sup> *The man who finds a wife finds a treasure, and he receives favour from the LORD.*

**A man of honour values his wife highly. She is a treasure.**

**Proverbs 21:20 (NKJV)** <sup>20</sup> *There is desirable treasure, and oil in the dwelling of the wise, But a foolish man squanders it.*

- **We need a value shift.**
- **Inspired to change! who wants to find a treasure**, but then lose it because he was a jerk? *Everybody wants the treasure, but few are willing to become the catch themselves.*
- **A rich man?** Somebody with authentic meaningful relationships. **A poor man?** All the stuff in the world, but shallow / empty relationships.

**Proverbs 15:17 (The Message)** <sup>17</sup> *Better a bread crust shared in love than a slab of prime rib served in hate.*

- **Broken relationships** – makes the best taste bad.

## Our mission – to be a princess maker

**What is honour?** Honour is to esteem someone highly. To value somebody as important. A man of honour gives honour.

*\*\*A man of honour considers the woman he loves to be of infinite value.*

**Honour is starts in the heart** – an unstoppable, unchangeable position you take in your heart. **She is valuable. Irrespective of her performance.**

**1 Peter 3:7 (NLT)** <sup>7</sup> *In the same way, you husbands must give honour to your wives.*

- **Give honour to the wife:** An impartation of honour. An impartation of value.
- **Princess makers:** *We don't simply marry a princess.* We are princess makers. We cause the women in our lives to become everything God has destined them to be.
- **Men, we are royalty.** Jesus is the king. We are princes that can impart royalty to a **simple peasant girl**. Like we were.

- You can't give what you don't have. Find your identity in Christ.

Proverbs 19:14 (NLT) <sup>14</sup> *Fathers can give their sons an inheritance of houses and wealth, but only the LORD can give an understanding wife.*

- **It is God who works in their hearts**, to change them into His image. **Only the Lord can do it.**
- **Why go through all the trouble? It will benefit you.**

Proverbs 21:19 (NKJV) <sup>19</sup> *Better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and angry woman.*

- **Men of honour: it is in our hands.** We will determine what they become...

## Our mission – to become a man of honour

Ephesians 5:25–33 (The Message) <sup>25</sup> *Husbands, go all out in your love for your wives, exactly as Christ did for the church—a love marked by giving, not getting. <sup>26</sup> Christ's love makes the church whole. His words evoke her beauty. Everything he does and says is designed to bring the best out of her, <sup>27</sup> dressing her in dazzling white silk, radiant with holiness. <sup>28</sup> And that is how husbands ought to love their wives. They're really doing themselves a favor—since they're already "one" in marriage.*

- **Go all out in your love for your wives:** Hold nothing back. Don't be half-hearted.
- **Exactly as Christ did for the church** – Jesus is our example. **We are Jesus men.**
  - **\*God's love is the ultimate eye-opener.** *We cannot love what we don't value highly!*
    - **Love?** Is to see someone as infinitely precious.
- **A love marked by giving, not getting:** *not what you can get, but what you can give.*
  - **Speaking loud and clear: "I value you."** how? Through what you do - serve her!
- **Christ's love makes the church whole** – our love makes the woman in our lives whole.
  - **\*God's love is the ultimate enabler:** God's love doesn't only enable us to see, but also enables us to look after this special treasure.
  - How would you treat a real princess? Well, do it....Treat her like a lady / like a princess...always: Make it a priority!

## Conclusion

A man of honour considers the woman he loves to be of infinite value. **His mission?** *Become a man of honour and to be a princess maker.*

**The battle is for relationship.** It is a life-long endeavour.