

Power Couples

What We Mean by It
How to Be One

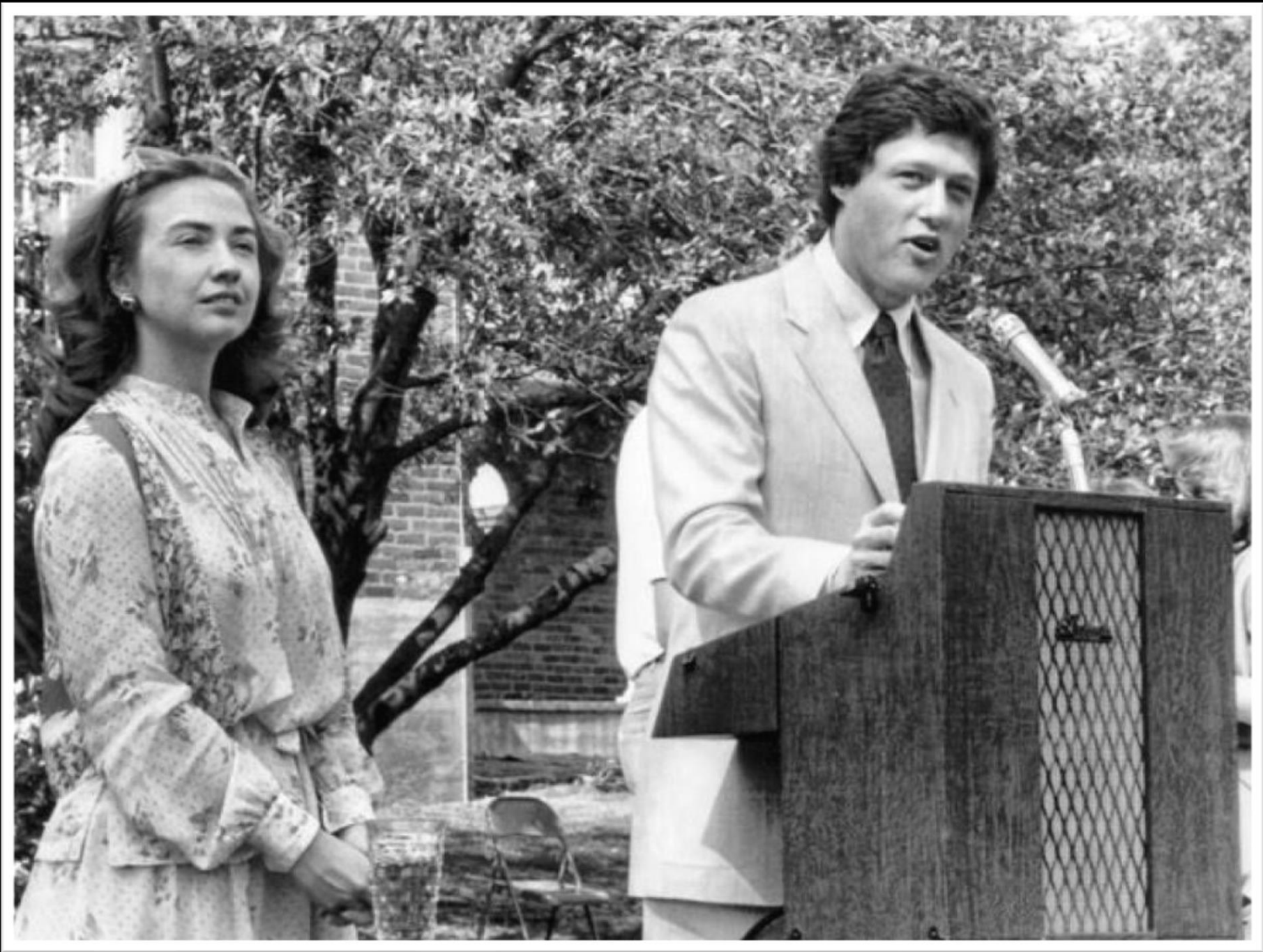












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Concept and idea versus specific steps.
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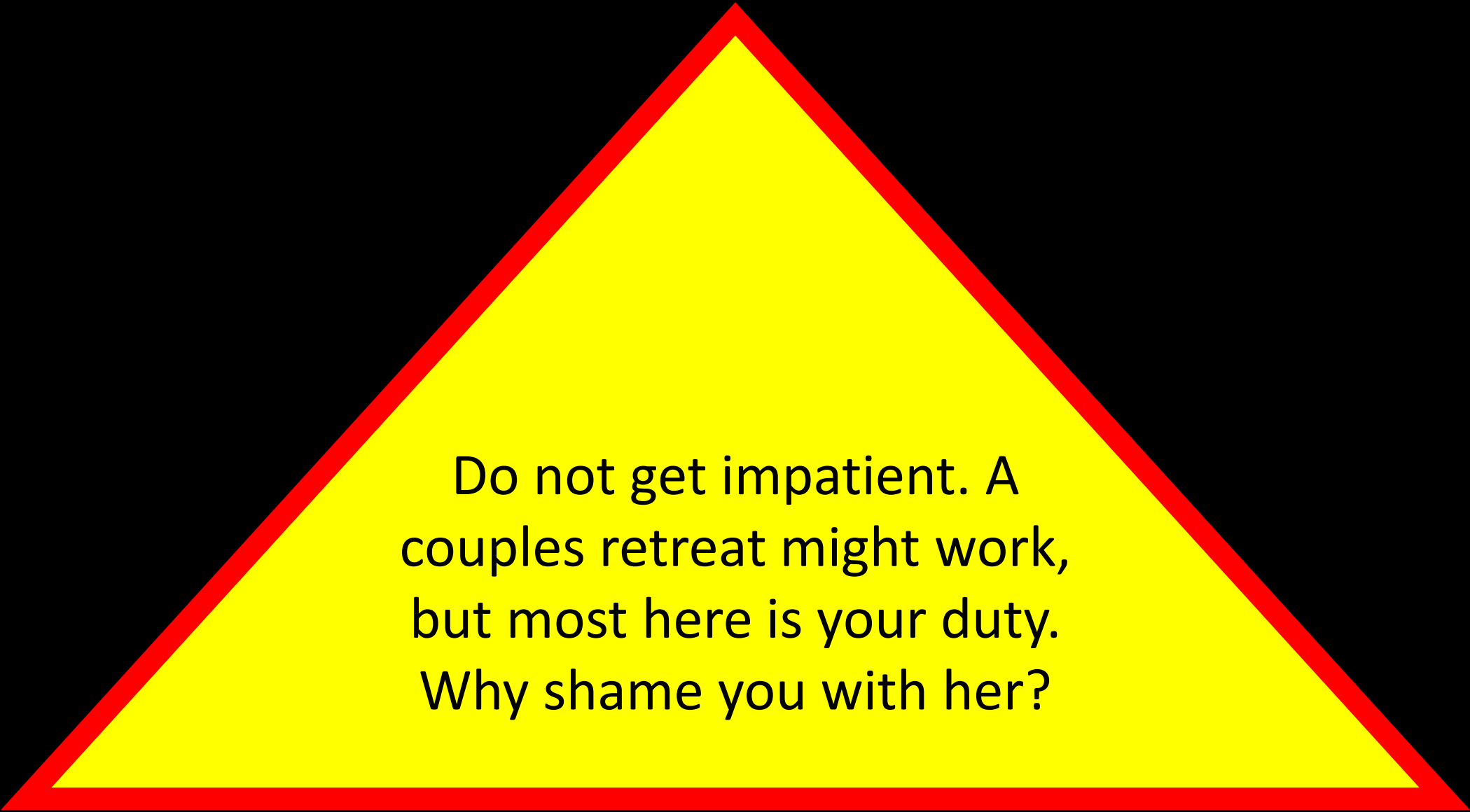
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Do not get impatient. A
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Why shame you with her?

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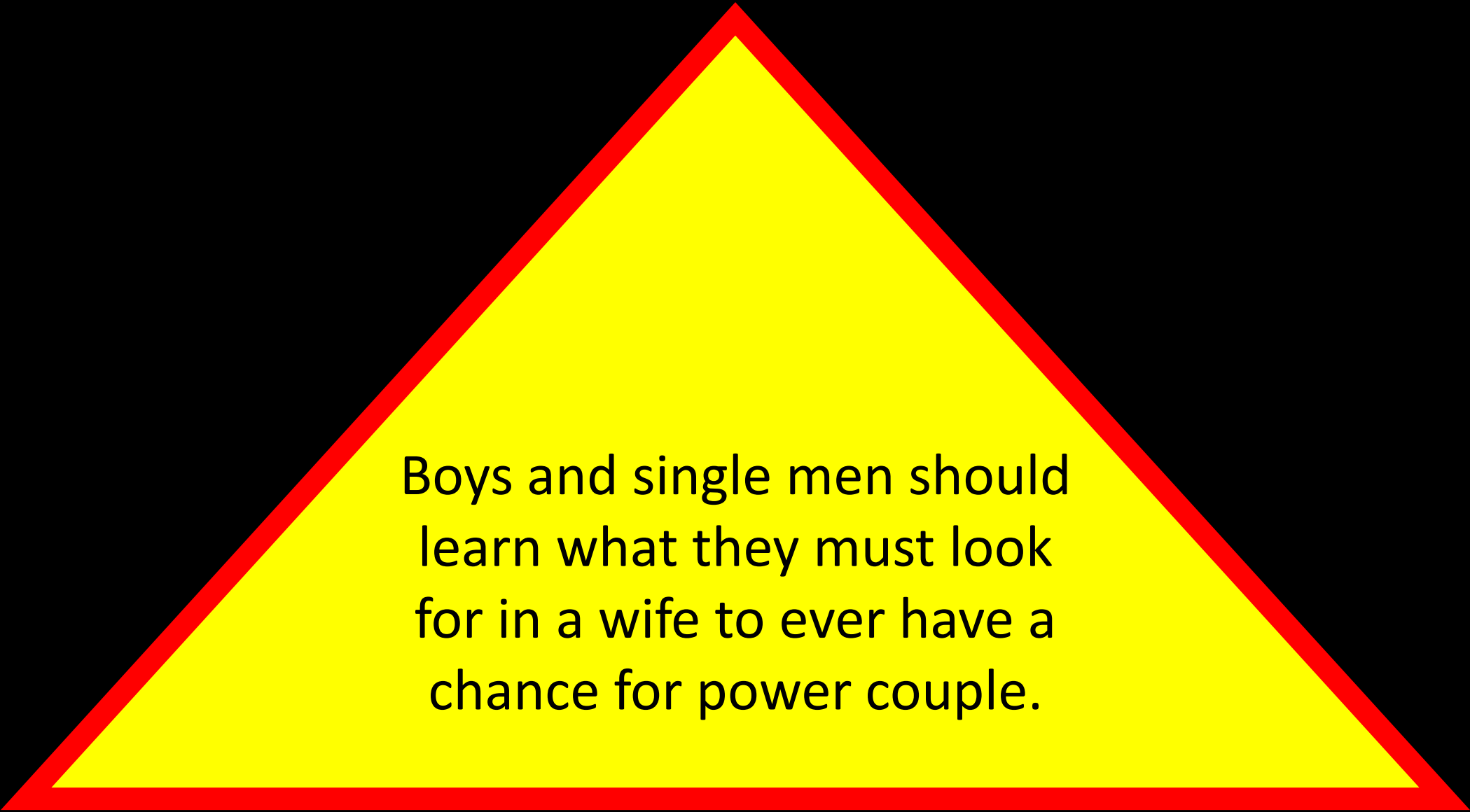
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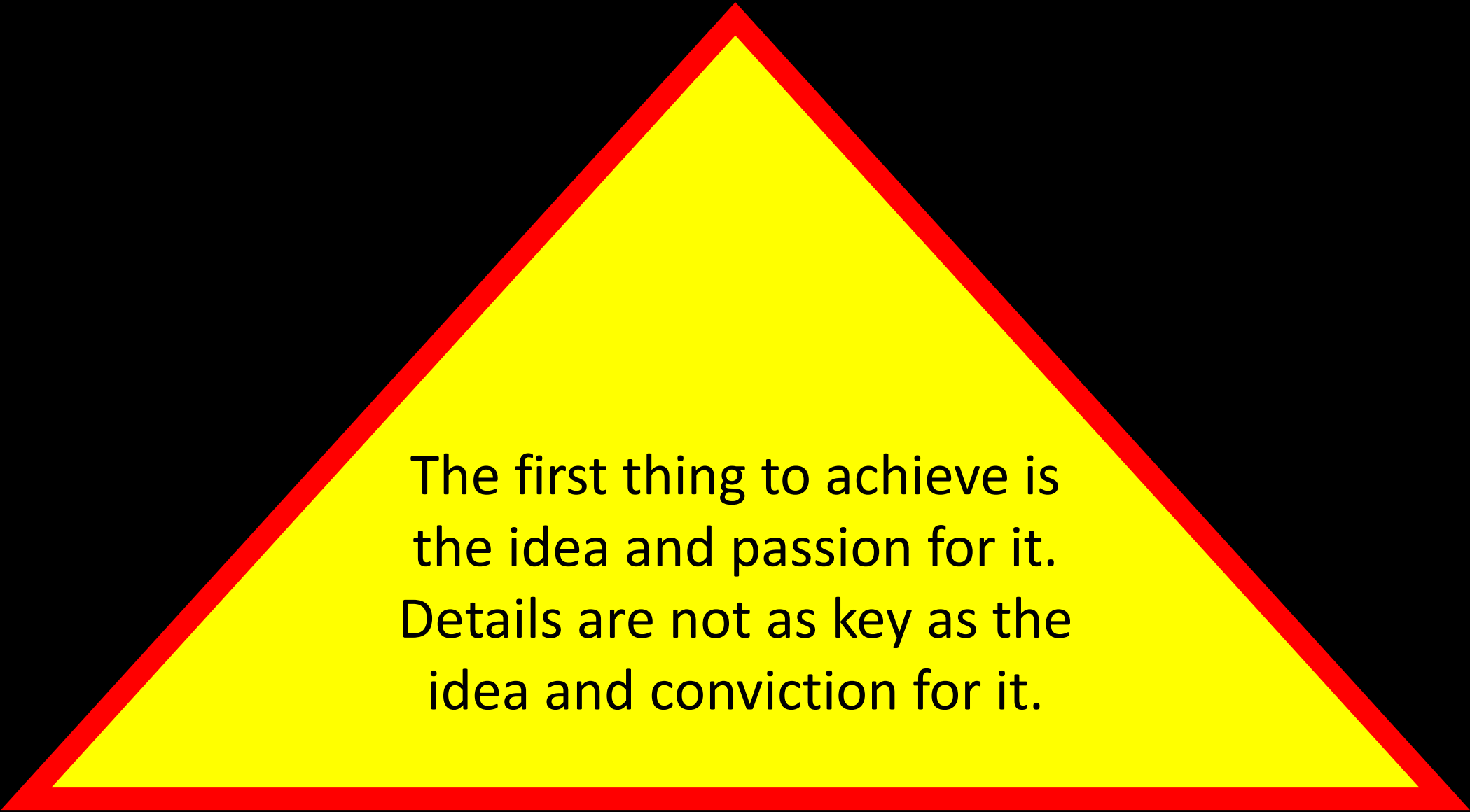
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Boys and single men should
learn what they must look
for in a wife to ever have a
chance for power couple.

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The first thing to achieve is
the idea and passion for it.
Details are not as key as the
idea and conviction for it.

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There is little actually new here; it is not mysterious; it is doing the basics better; it is creative to catch a vision.

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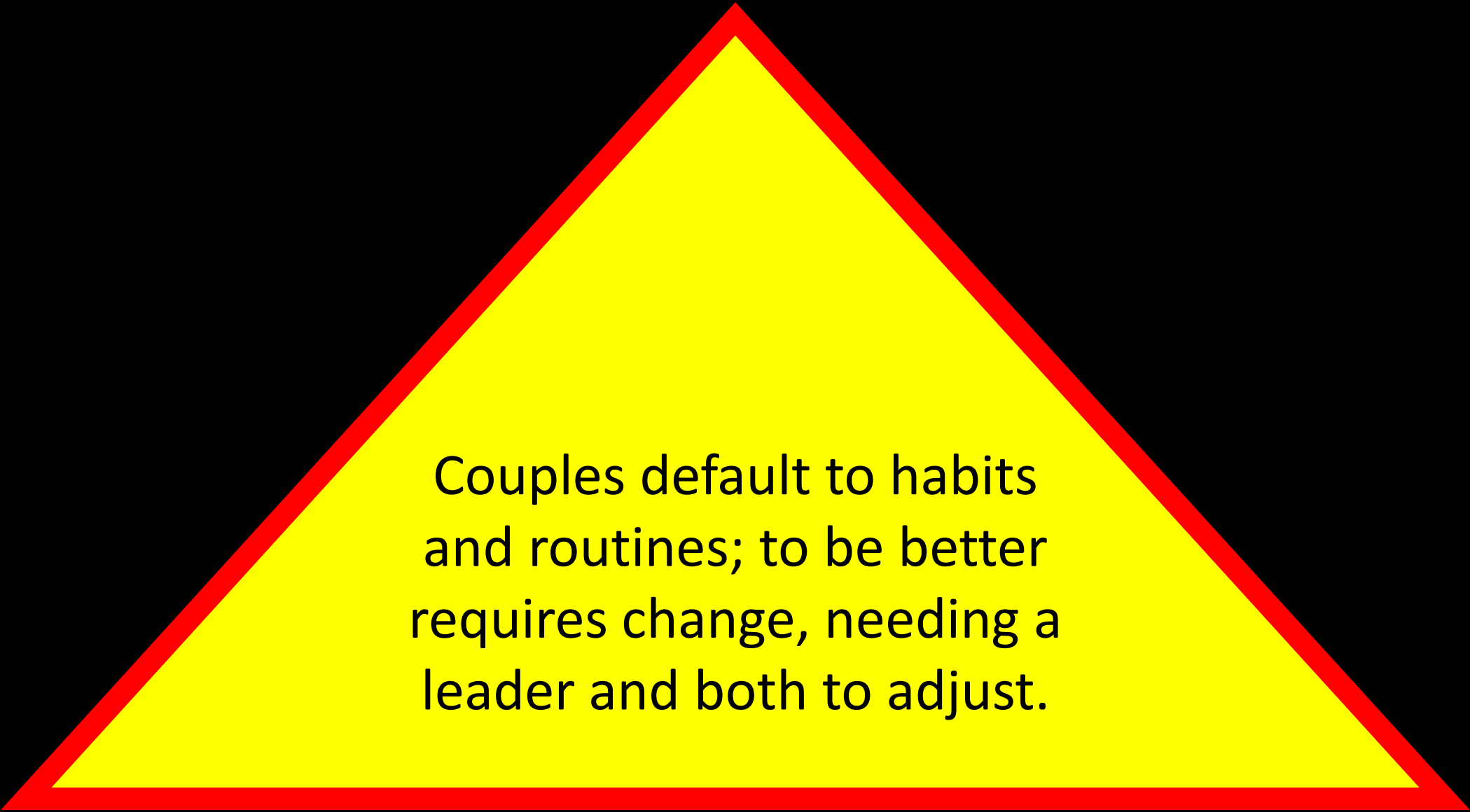
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God demands our all, and
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goals and priorities, so we
must get fervent for them.

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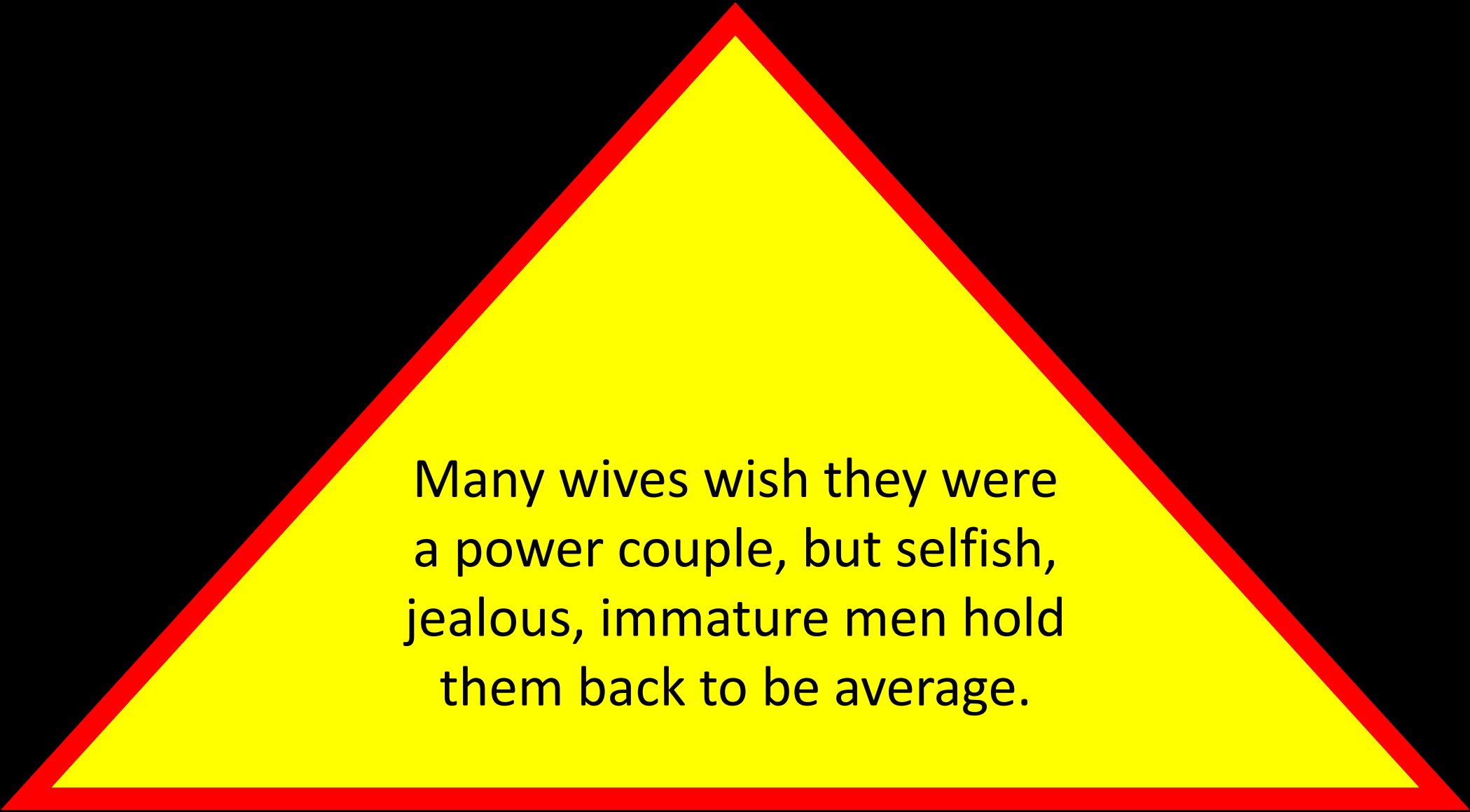
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Couples default to habits
and routines; to be better
requires change, needing a
leader and both to adjust.

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Many wives wish they were
a power couple, but selfish,
jealous, immature men hold
them back to be average.



George and Martha Washington

- Martha Washington was only 5 feet tall; George was 6 feet and 3 inches tall.
- She was born 6/2/1731 ... she was 8 months older than George (3/22/1732).
- She learned to read and write early; read the Bible daily; wrote many letters.
- She married a rich planter, Daniel Parke Custis, at 18; he was 20 years older.
- They had four children; two died in childhood; she was a wealthy widow at 25.
- She ably managed five plantations of 17,500 acres, 300 slaves, investments, etc.
- George and Martha married 18 months later when George was nearing 27.
- George was a man of some means, but Martha was far wealthier than he.
- They had no children together, but George raised Martha's two until their deaths.
- Martha spent each winter with her husband at the Revolutionary army camps.
- Though she did not want her husband to be president, she fully supported him.
- She has been honored on several stamps, currency, and is buried next to George.
- She was our nation's first ... first lady ... and was usually called, Lady Washington.

For more about
George and Martha Washington

<https://www.mountvernon.org/george-washington/martha-washington/george-and-martha-washingtons-relationship/>





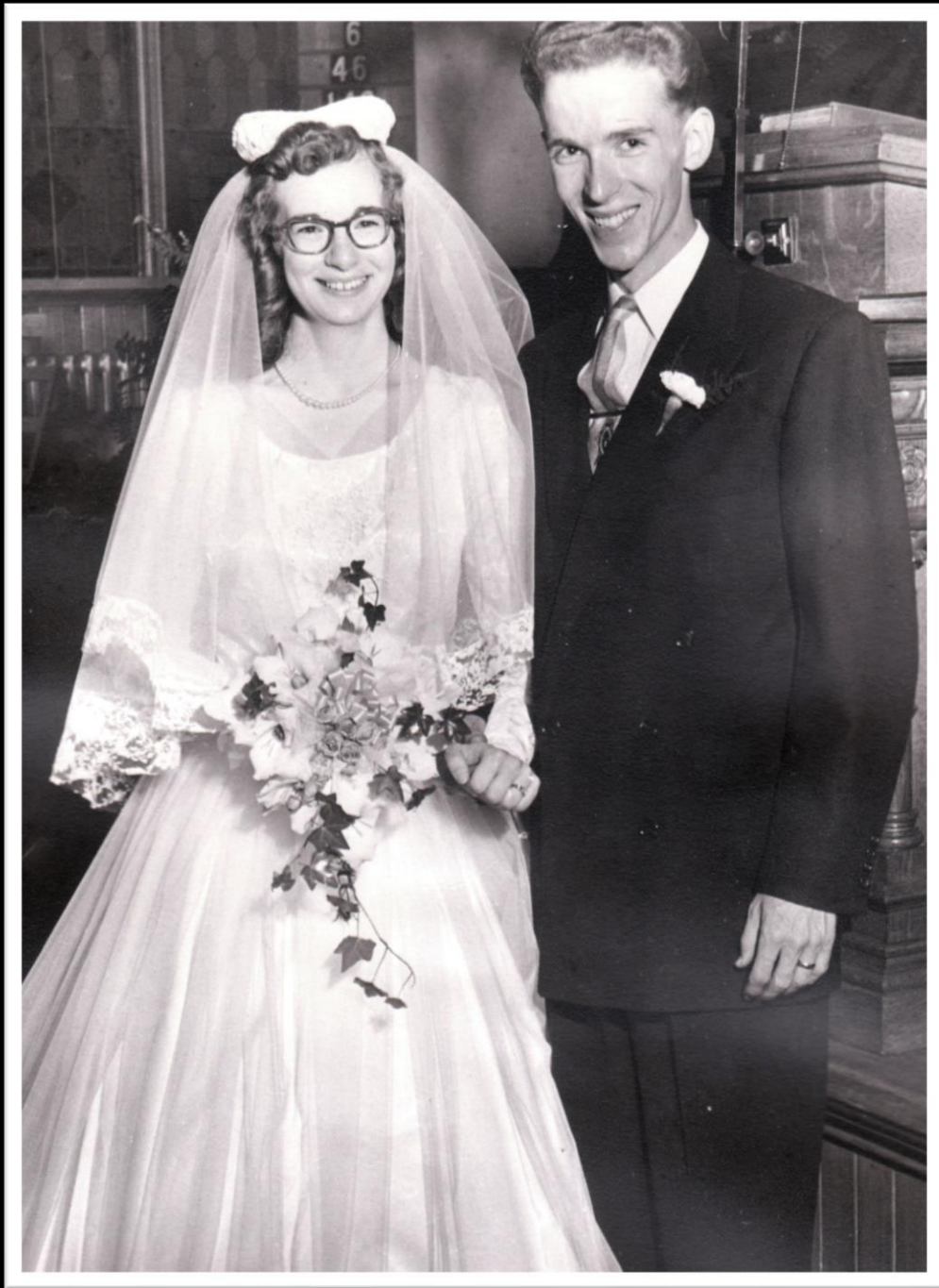




Marriage To a
Difficult Man



*The Uncommon Union of
Jonathan & Sarah Edwards*



Roland and Marie Crosby

- Roland did not settle for ordinary high school girls in the church in his home town.
- He had higher ambitions and intentions, so he went to Bible college in another state.
- He went bear hunting and deer hunting during that 4-year exploration, bagging both.
- He found a pure, gifted, happy Christian girl that fully loved Jesus Christ her Lord.
- He proposed to her this way ... *Will you serve the Lord with me?*
- He then told her he would leave her there in New York to go to seminary in Indiana.
- They got married the next year and lived large in a 29' x 8' mobile home (232 sq. ft).
- They went to Michigan and planted a church from nothing in Commerce, MI.
- He preached; she played the piano; she managed P&J during services; they entertained.
- They led summer camps for state of MI; they started and ran a Christian private school.
- All their friends and all their activities were for the kingdom (rare hunting or fishing).
- He worked other jobs to make a bare subsistence living and did not care or worry.
- When they heard the truth, they both bailed on retirement life to start over elsewhere!

POWER COUPLES	AVERAGE COUPLES	PROBLEM COUPLES
Abraham & Sarah		Adam & Eve
Othniel & Aksah		Lot & Salt
Boaz & Ruth		Samson & Delilah
Elkanah & Hannah		Job & Mrs. Job
David & Bathsheba		Nabal & Abigail
Ahasuerus & Esther		David & Michal
Zacharias & Elisabeth		Solomon & 1000
Joseph & Mary		Ahab & Jezebel
Aquila & Priscilla		Haman & Zeresh
Stephanas & Addict		Ananias & Sapphira





And the king said unto me, (the queen also sitting by him,) For how long shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou return? So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time.

Nehemiah 2:6

















By God's timing,
we were introduced to
Aquila and Priscilla
this past Sunday
by Paul's trips.

And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them.

Acts 18:2

- Aquila and Priscilla kept pagan laws. They did not resist, riot, meddle.
- Aquila and Priscilla left Rome, Italy regardless of connections there.
- This couple, friends of Paul, are listed at least six times in the Bible.
- Three times Priscilla is named first, indicating equality in character.
- They are a power couple by their frequent mention and many deeds.

And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers.

Acts 18:3

- They were both skilled craftsmen; they worked the business together.
- They had a business; they worked it; she was more than a housewife.
- They had a transferable skill, which protected from the abuse in Rome.
- They practiced hospitality early – taking Paul in for work and lodging.
- Together – they worked a business, showed hospitality, hired Paul, etc.

And Paul after this tarried there yet a good while, and then took his leave of the brethren, and sailed thence into Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila; having shorn his head in Cenchrea: for he had a vow.

Acts 18:18

- When Paul left Corinth, Aquila and Priscilla went with him to Ephesus.
- This confirms their transferable skill and lack of sentiment for location.
- Paul had taken a Jewish vow (likely Nazarite) and shaved his head.
- This shows their honor of the man of God and of his Christian liberty.

And he came to Ephesus, and left them there: but he himself entered into the synagogue, and reasoned with the Jews.

Acts 18:19

- Paul left Aquila and Priscilla in Ephesus after staying a short time.
- This shows their independence for kingdom service without guidance.
- This couple will meet and convert Apollos to gospel truth in Ephesus.
- They will then send him back to Corinth to assist kingdom work there.
- They are always mentioned as a plural – a couple – dedicated to serve.

And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.

Acts 18:26

- Apollos was eloquent, mighty in scripture, learned, fervent, diligent.
- He boldly preached in the synagogue – likely a type A personality.
- Aquila and Priscilla (both) identified the error in his sermon's content.
- Aquila and Priscilla (both) brought him to their home for hospitality.
- Aquila and Priscilla (both) could correct a mighty man in God's word.

3 Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus:

4 Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.

Romans 16:3-4

- Aquila and Priscilla are back in Rome, and busy with kingdom work.
- This long list begins with the power couple except a woman he sent.
- Paul names them both and uses the plural *helpers* for their efforts.
- They had not laid down their lives – they had taken mortal risk for him.
- We find Priscilla first, which is Biblically acceptable for a great wife.

4 Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.
5 Likewise greet the church that is in their house.

Romans 16:4-5

- Paul thanked them personally for the risks they had taken for him.
- All the Gentile churches owed this power couple for helping Paul.
- This couple went far beyond mere attendance and eating free food.
- Not only were they to be greeted, but also the church in their house.
- Were they helpful in Corinth? or in Ephesus? or in Rome?

The churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.

I Corinthians 16:19

- The churches of Asia included Ephesus, where the couple had served.
- This couple was humble, meek, and loving to salute Corinthians much.
- They lived a sacrificial life by having a church in their own living space.
- They lived serving lives by taking on a service that was always calling.
- God inspired the repetitive statements – do you embrace their value?

18 And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

19 Salute Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.

II Timothy 4:18-19

- Paul is at the end of his life and writing final words to Timothy.
- His first extra item of business is for Timothy to salute this couple.
- To salute is to address with good wishes and possibly even a kiss.
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The verse you just read describes a unique couple – a power couple. Think about how few couples could and would do what this couple did.

They went together to nonchurch events.
He was not off fishing and she shopping.
They were not fearful of a great man.
They could identify and correct error.

Aquila & Priscilla – the Power Couple

Flexible to Move

Obedied Oppressive Laws

In Business Together

Took on the Apostle Paul

Helped in Corinth

Left to Help in Ephesus

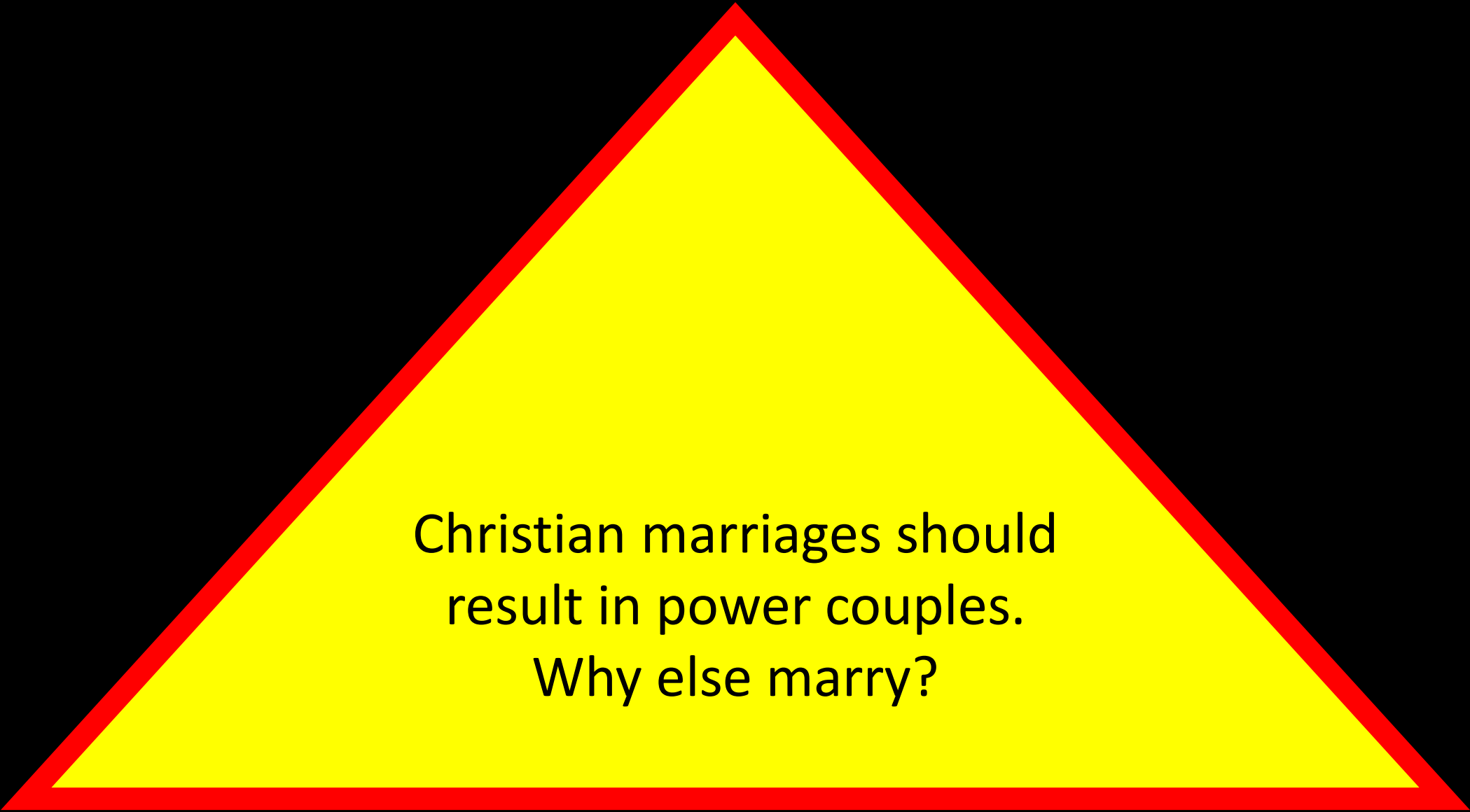
Had Church in Rome

Converted Apollos

Endorsed Him to Corinth

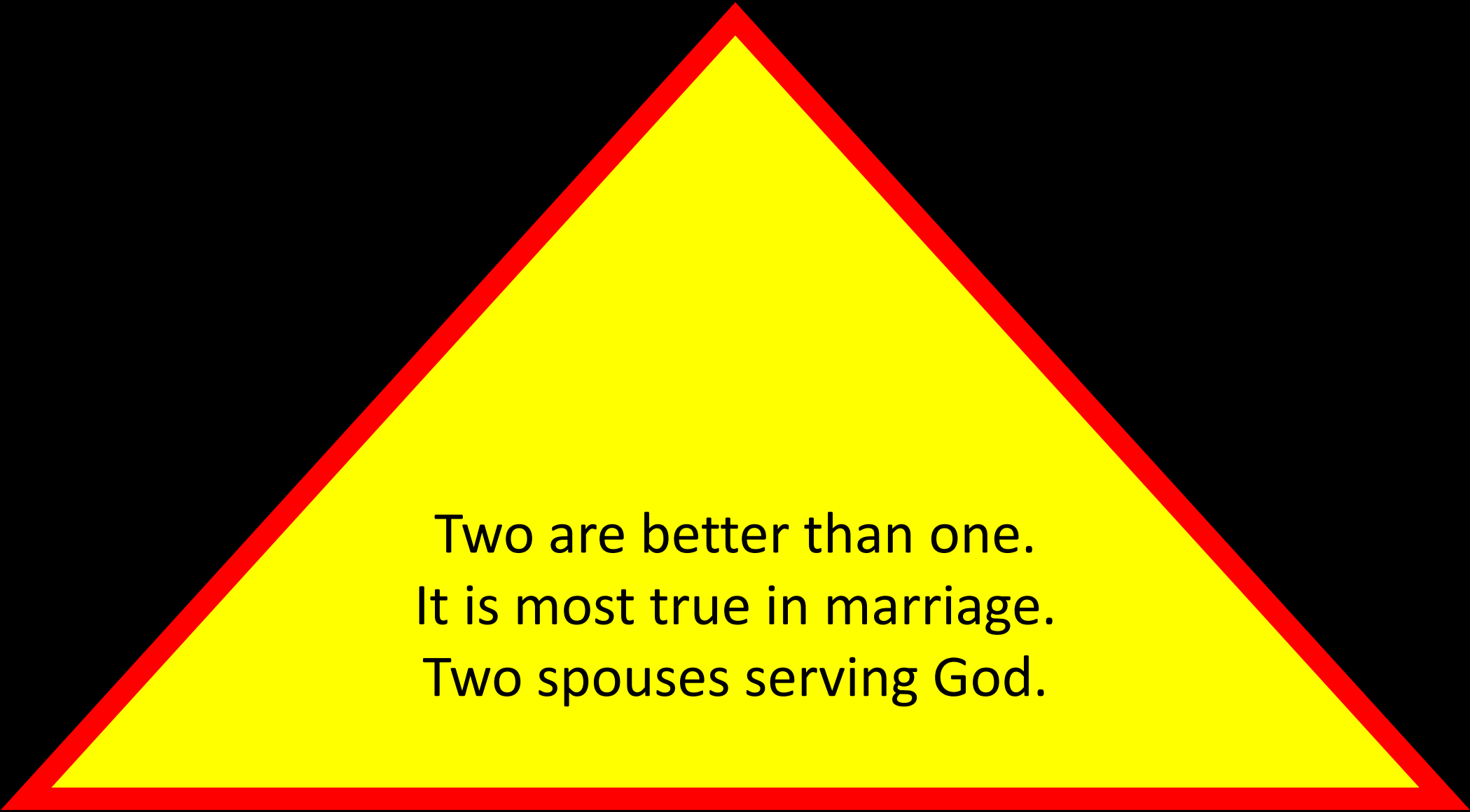
Risked their Lives for Christ

Priscilla Equal Servant




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Why get married unless you
plan to pool abilities and
assets to be far more
than two alone?




Getting married just for sex
is foolish on many levels
and misses your helper
to serve God better.

A power couple is known and thought of as a pair or partners rather than two different people who happen to be married.

Other than their own unique duties, they are usually seen together and working together to accomplish joint projects.

A power couple is a man and his wife that work together and leverage each other's abilities and potential to accomplish more.

A great man or a great woman that does
great things is not a power couple at all.
He or she is a power person, no more.



Even the world, and very
great men in it, know the
importance to marry well.

<https://www.inc.com/jeff-haden/warren-buffett-says-1-decision-separates-successful-people-from-everyone-else-and-will-make-biggest-difference-in-your-life.html>

Can we learn something by

Volume / Rate Analysis ... or ...

Quantity / Price Analysis

A going concern ... a small business ... gets motivated to make changes ... so they hire salesmen and raise prices ... and their sales hit 400% of the previous year!

They doubled their sales volume,
which is the number of units sold.

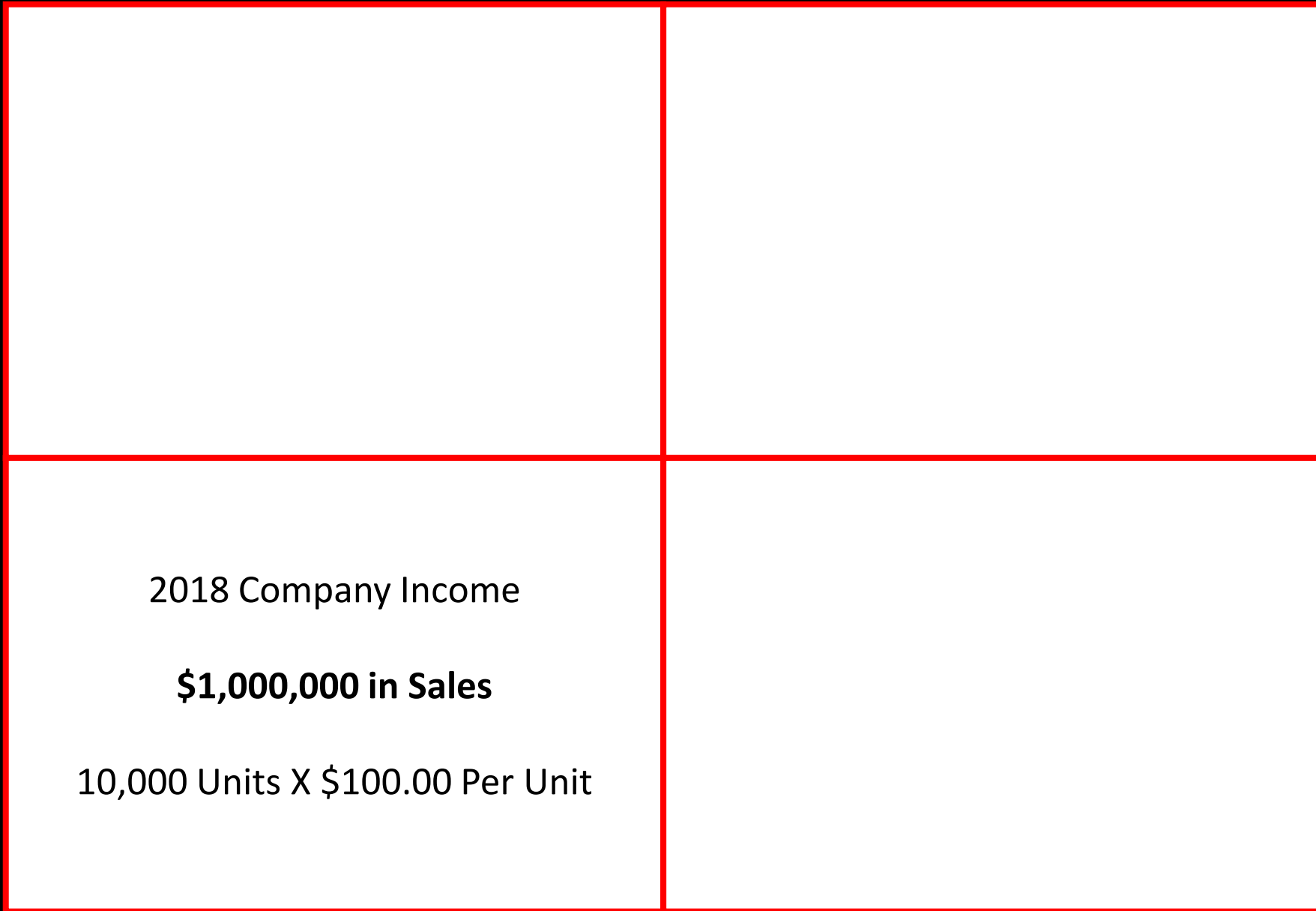
They doubled their sales income,
by doubling their price per unit.

If you double the units sold ...
and double the price per unit ...
then you triple sales revenue ...

Right?

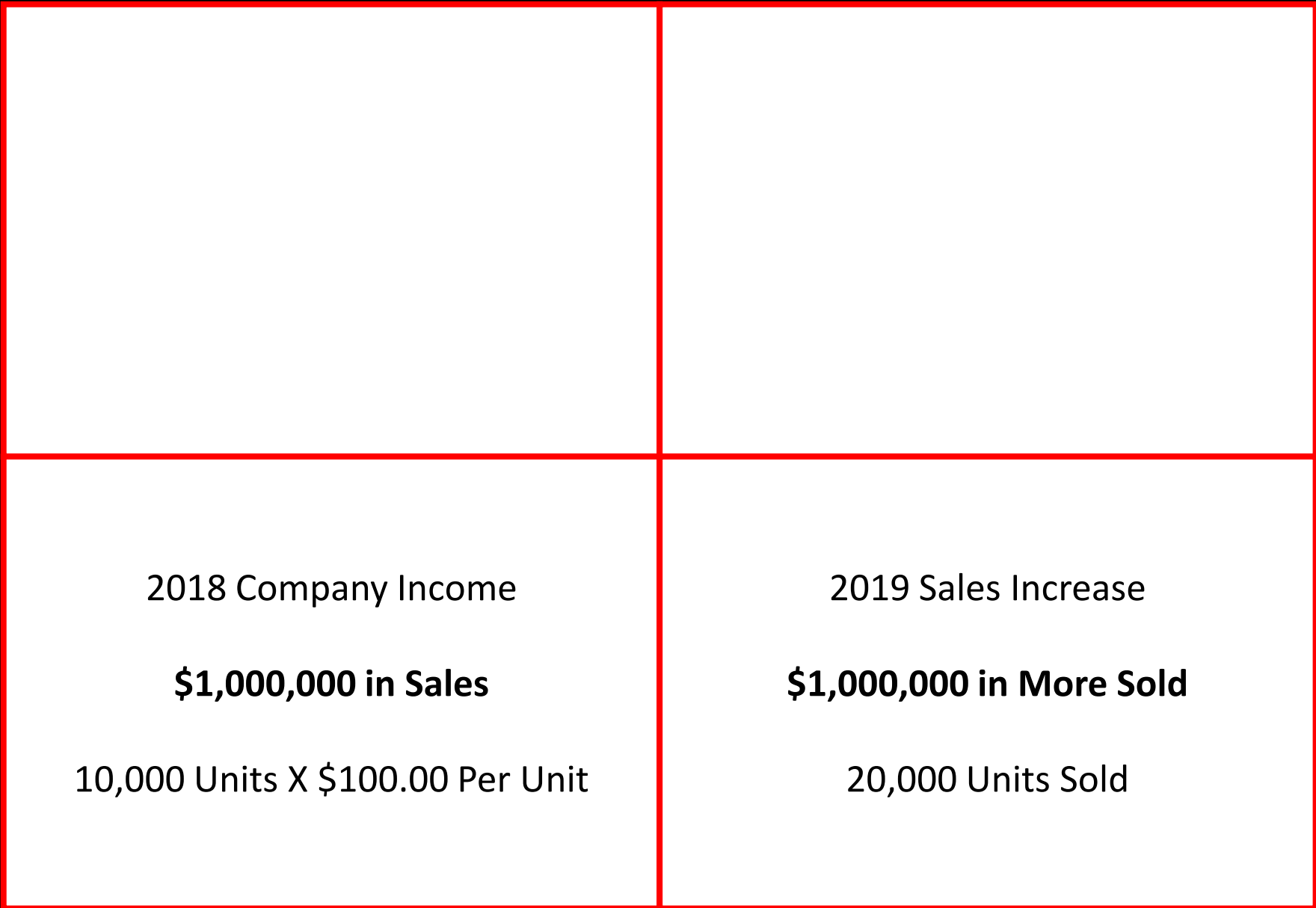
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2019 Price Increase

\$1,000,000 at New Price

\$200 Price per Unit

2018 Company Income

\$1,000,000 in Sales

10,000 Units X \$100.00 Per Unit

2019 Sales Increase

\$1,000,000 in More Sold

20,000 Units Sold

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It only tripled sales income ...

\$1,000,000 + \$1,000,000 + \$1,000,000

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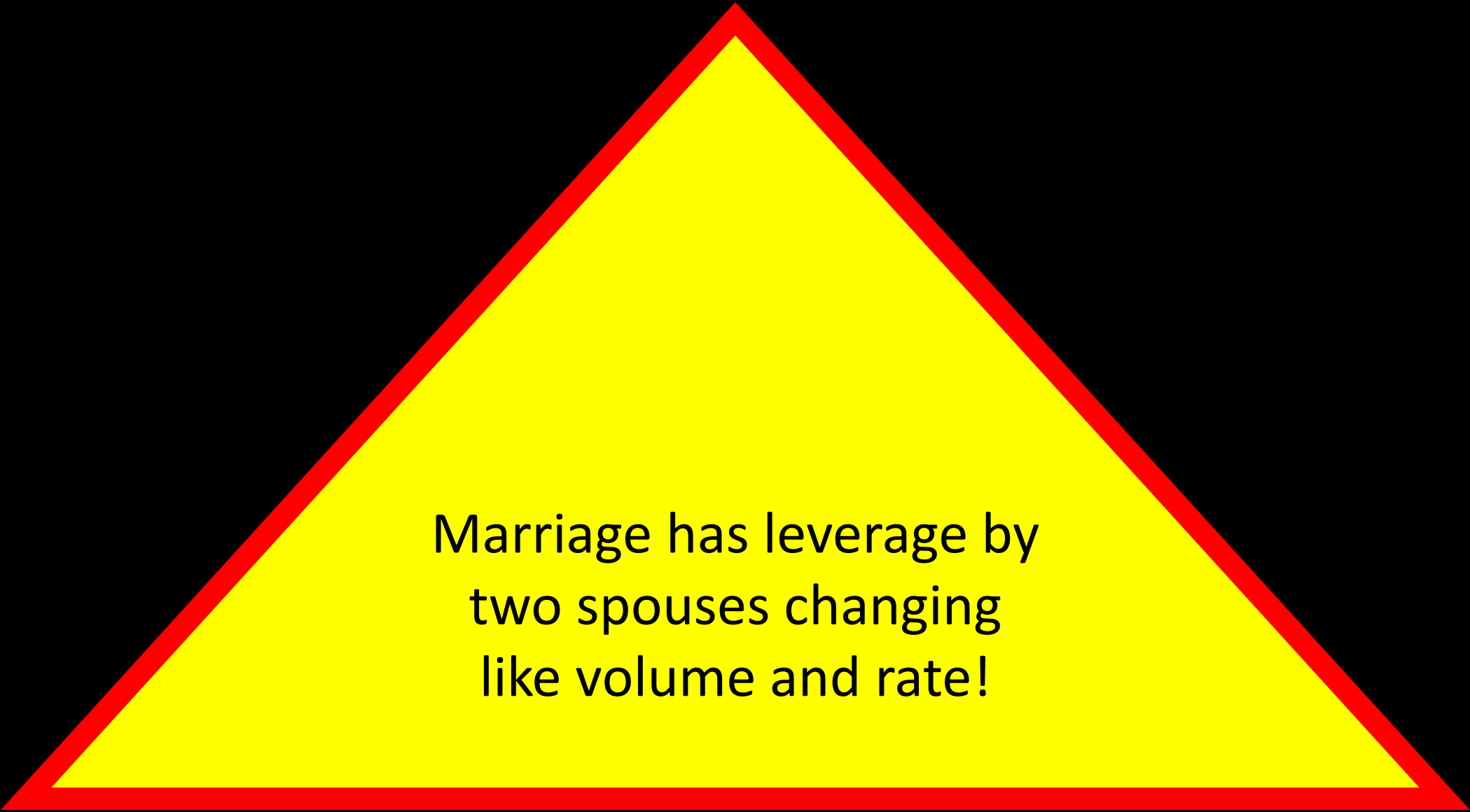
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Company income does not get tripled!

It gets quadrupled!

400%!

An average couple can do the same thing!



Marriage has leverage by
two spouses changing
like volume and rate!

A going concern ... No! ... an existing couple chooses to be better for God individually and chooses to be a power couple also.

The husband makes covenant with God
to be like Abraham rather than Lot.

The husband adjusts his wife's priorities
to help her be more kingdom focused.

If the wife is twice as good ...
and the husband is twice as good ...
then you triple the marriage couple ...

Right?

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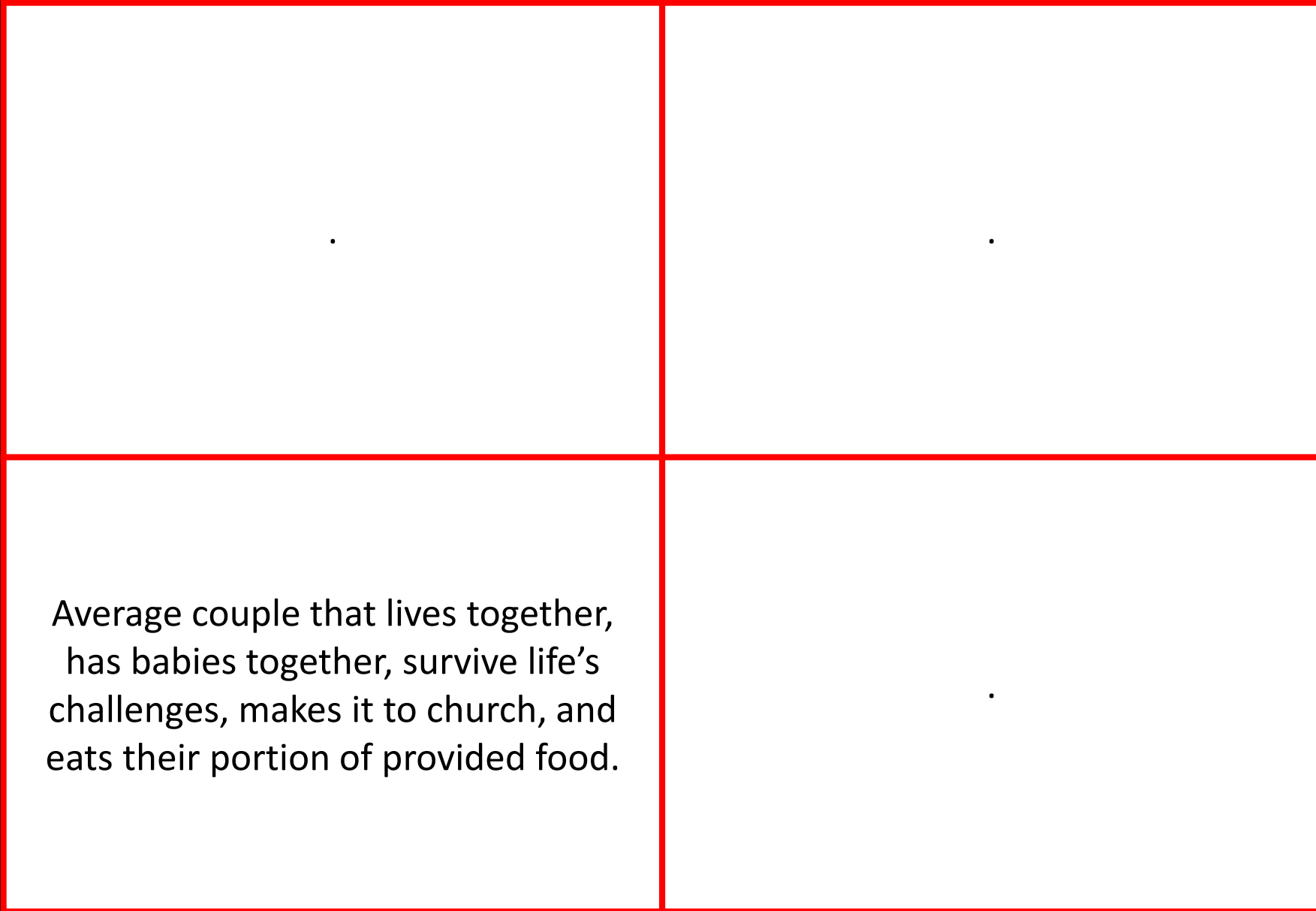
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you just do not get what to do each day.

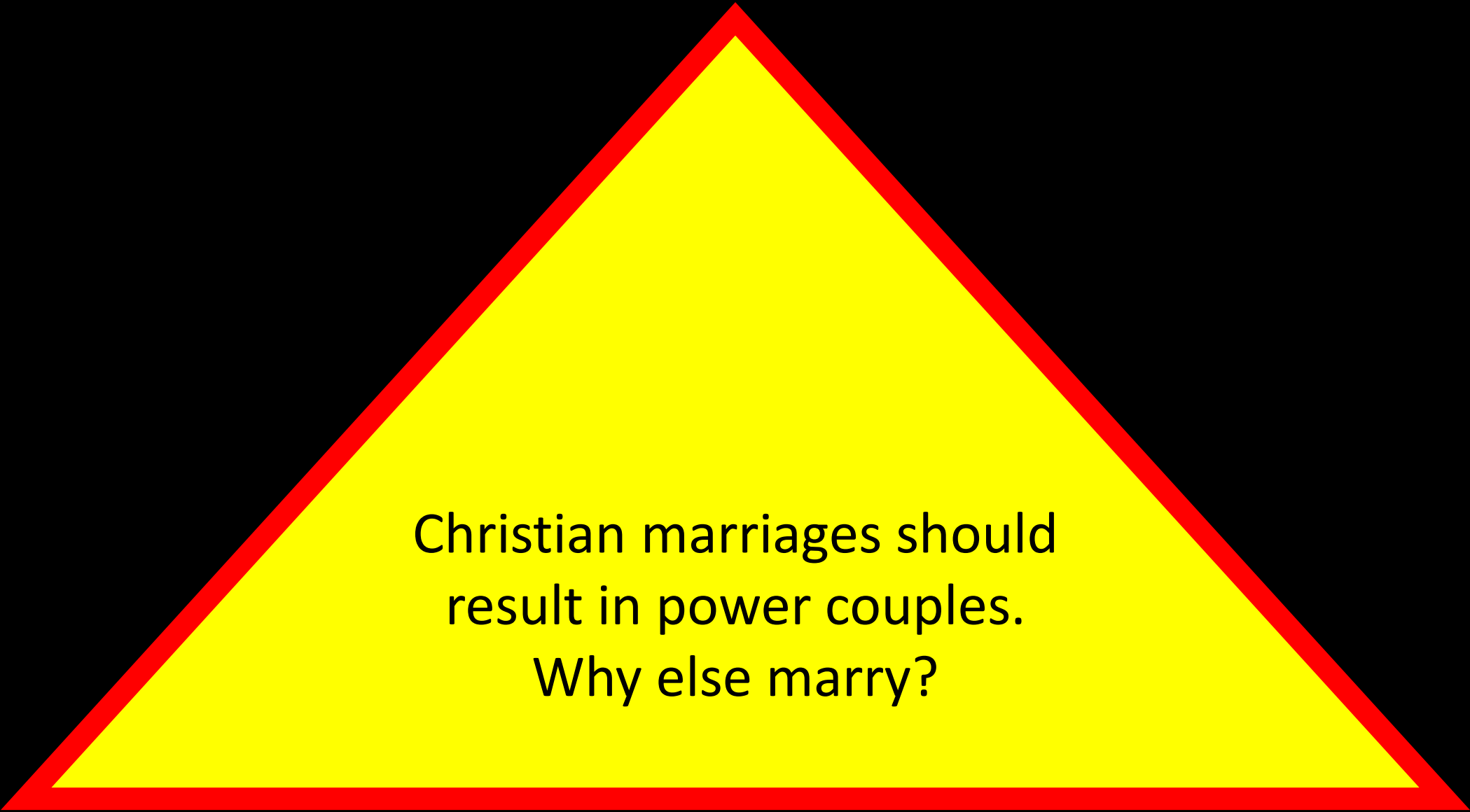
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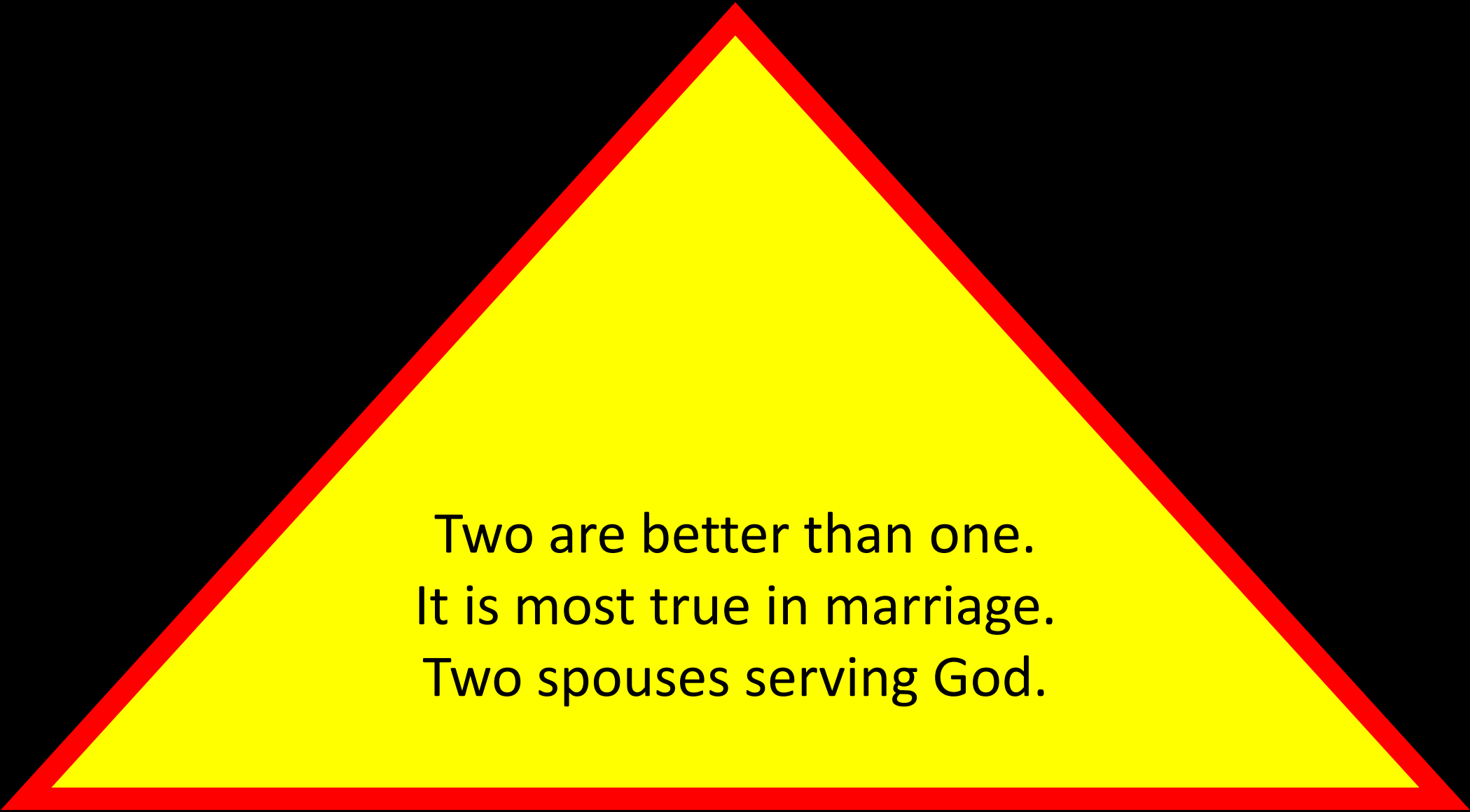
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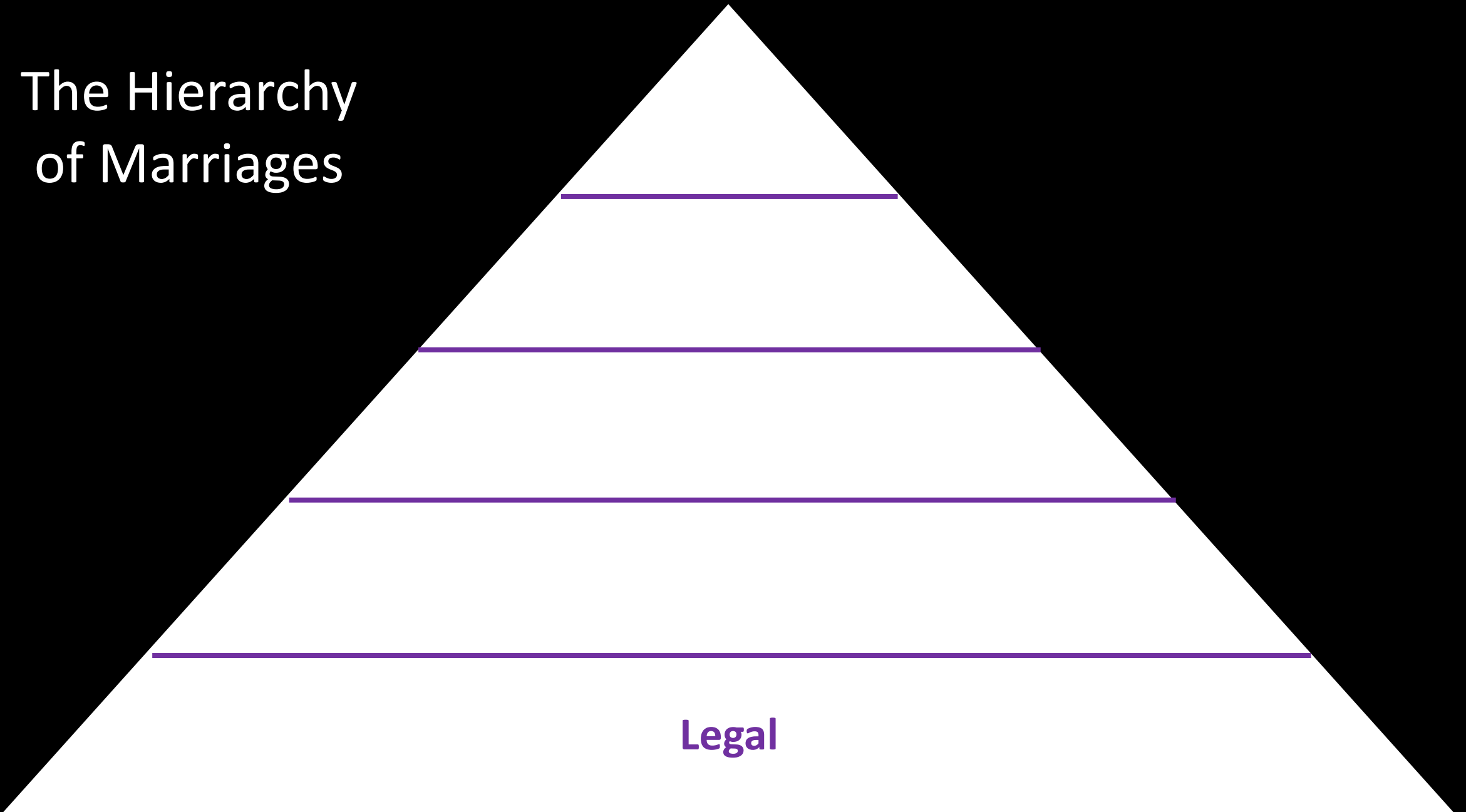
If you **aim** at **nothing**,



You will **hit it**
every
time.

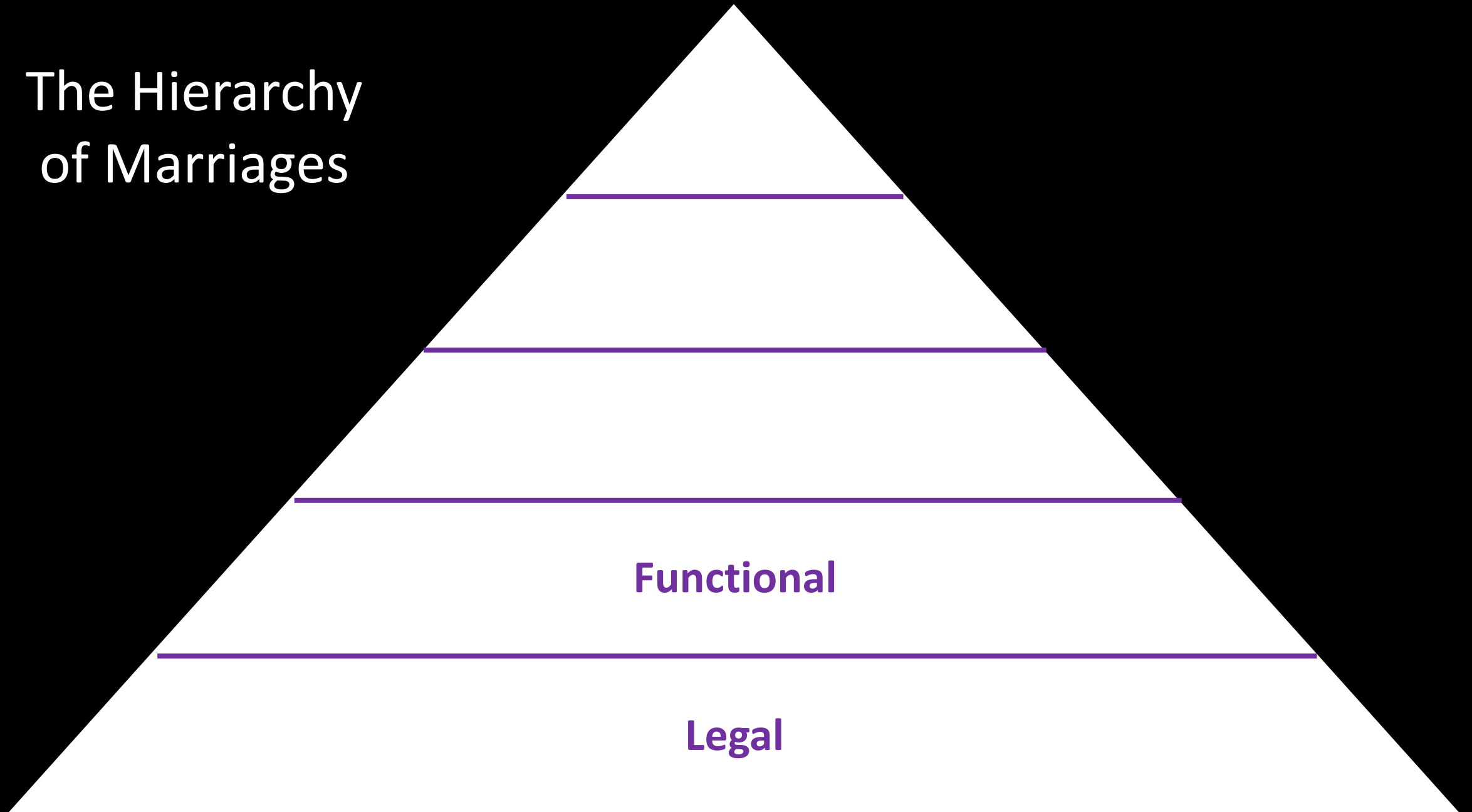
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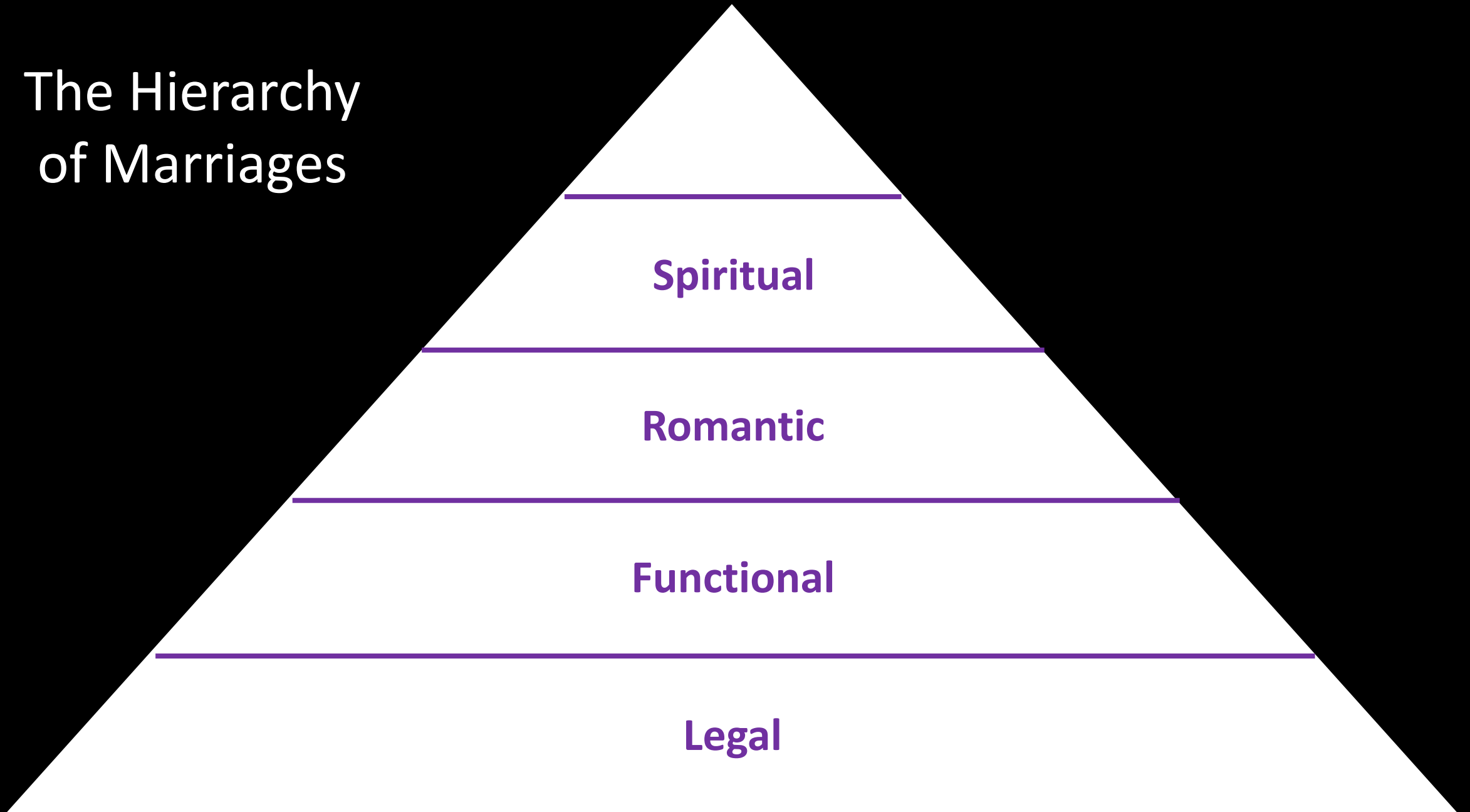


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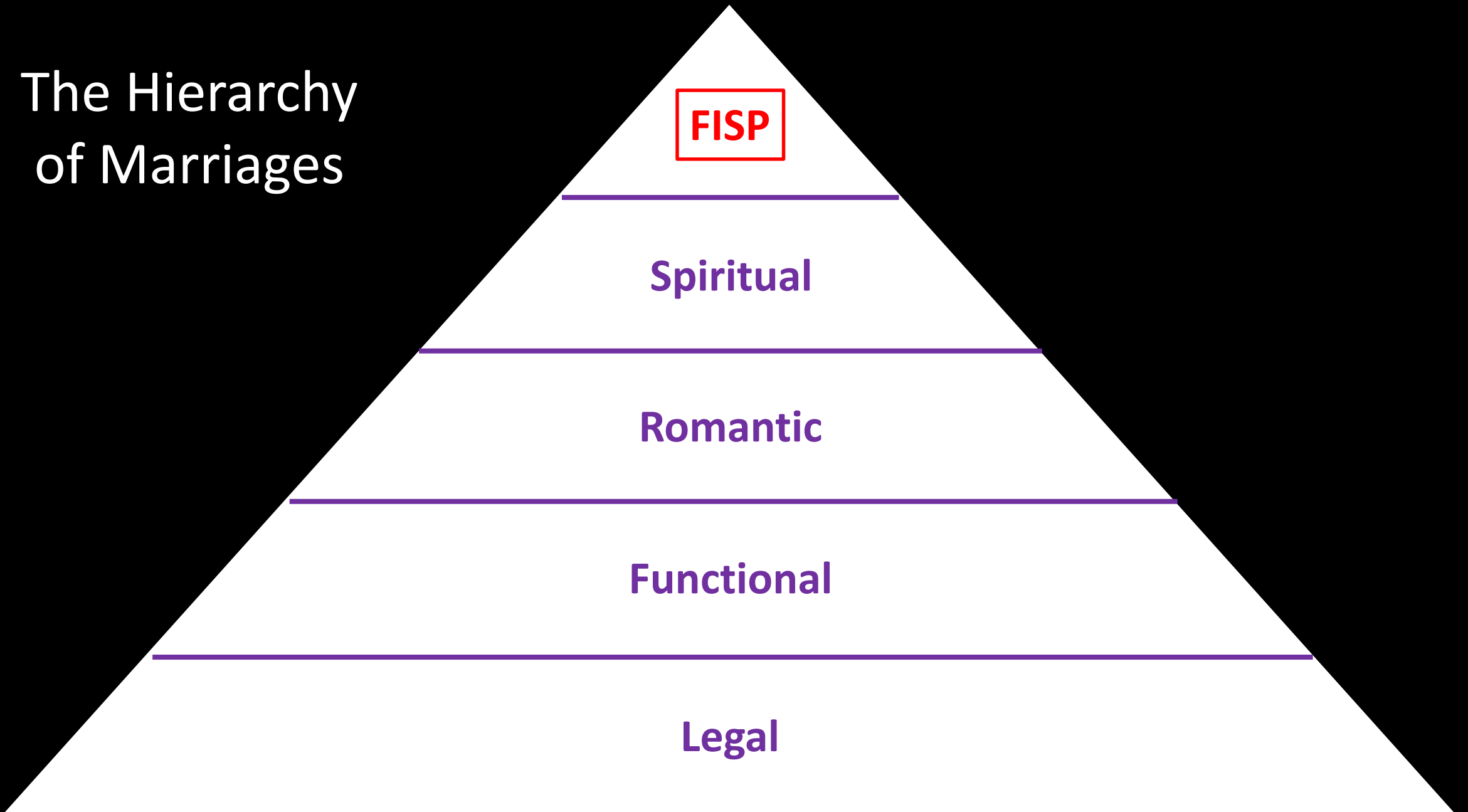
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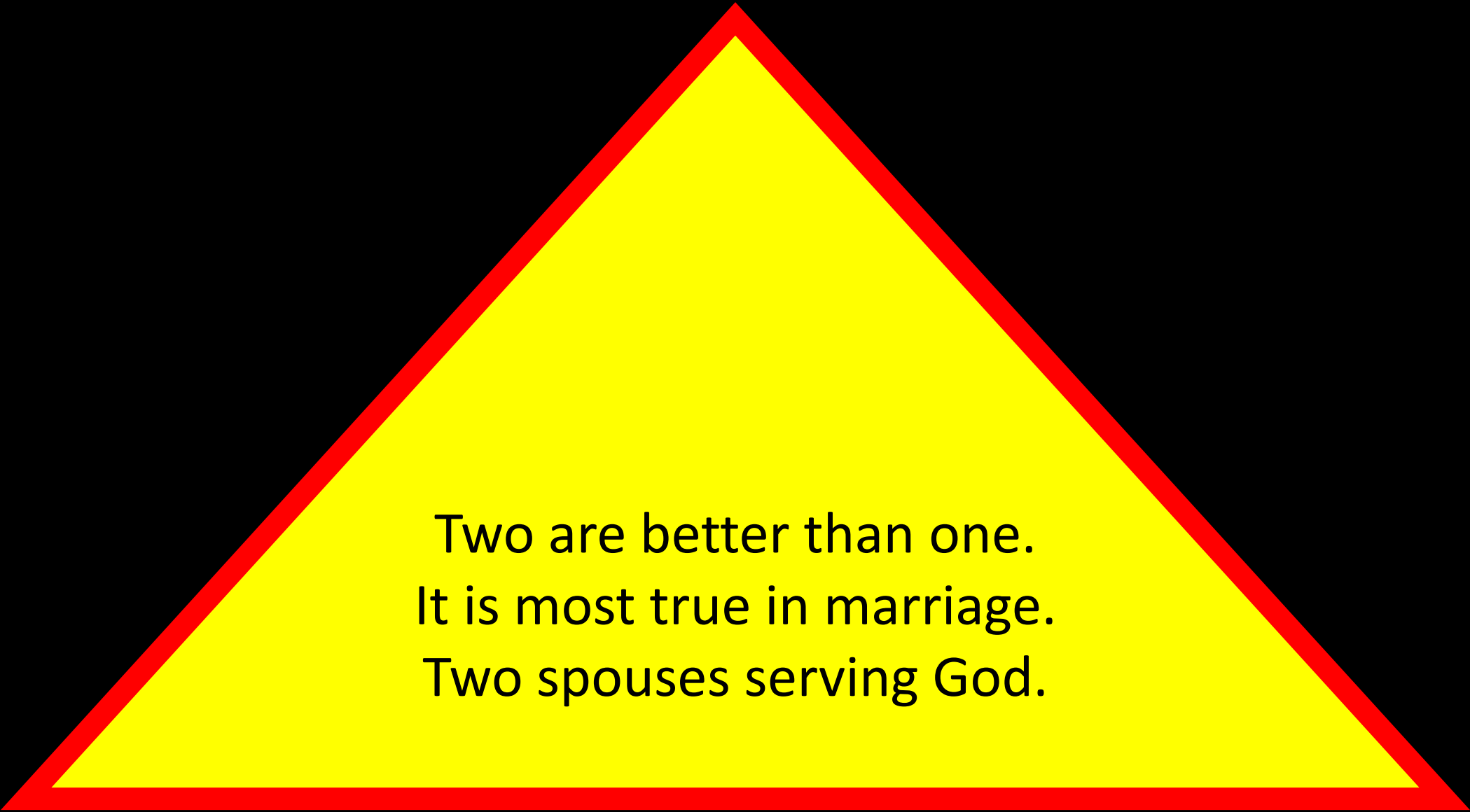


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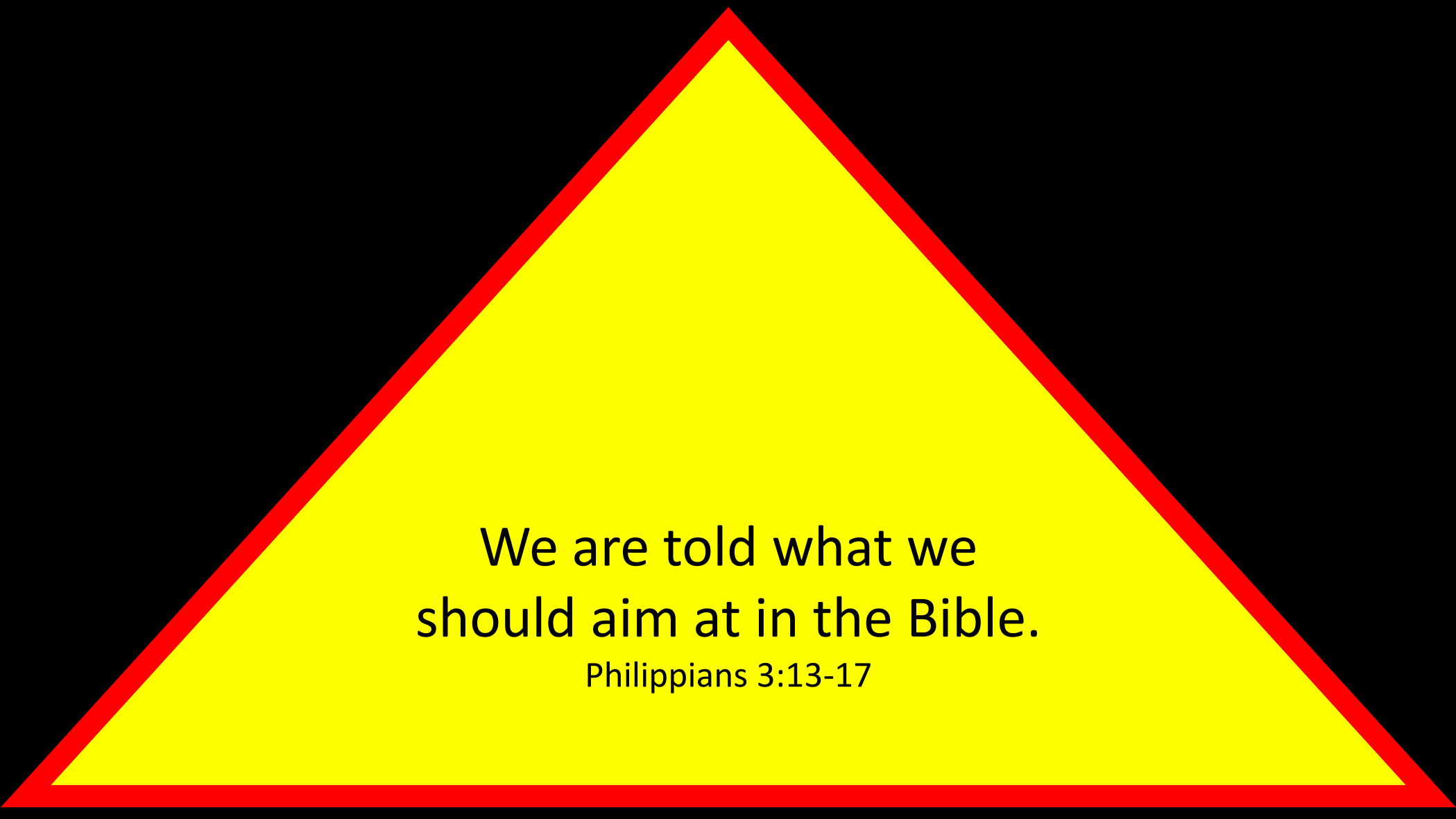
Fruitful
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Fruitful – visible growth in grace.
Influential – souls saved many ways.
Serving – initiate help to any needing.
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**If you would hit the mark,
you must aim a little
above it; every arrow that
flies feels the attraction of
earth.**



We are told what we
should aim at in the Bible.

Philippians 3:13-17

13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

- If you are content as a Christian, you are wrong, and you are a loser.
- Paul was not content. He had not met his goals. He wanted more.
- He lived by one simple rule – past achievements were worthless.
- He only saw the things he needed to do before his life would end.
- If you are a power couple, become one. If you have been, be better.

14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

- Like a world class athlete, Paul trained hard and ran hard.
- He did not have various goals – he had one and only one goal.
- He knew there was a reward – and he wanted to get God's reward.
- The world's goals are worthless – reject them all to achieve God's.
- Power couple is a Christian goal. You will give an account of marriage.

15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

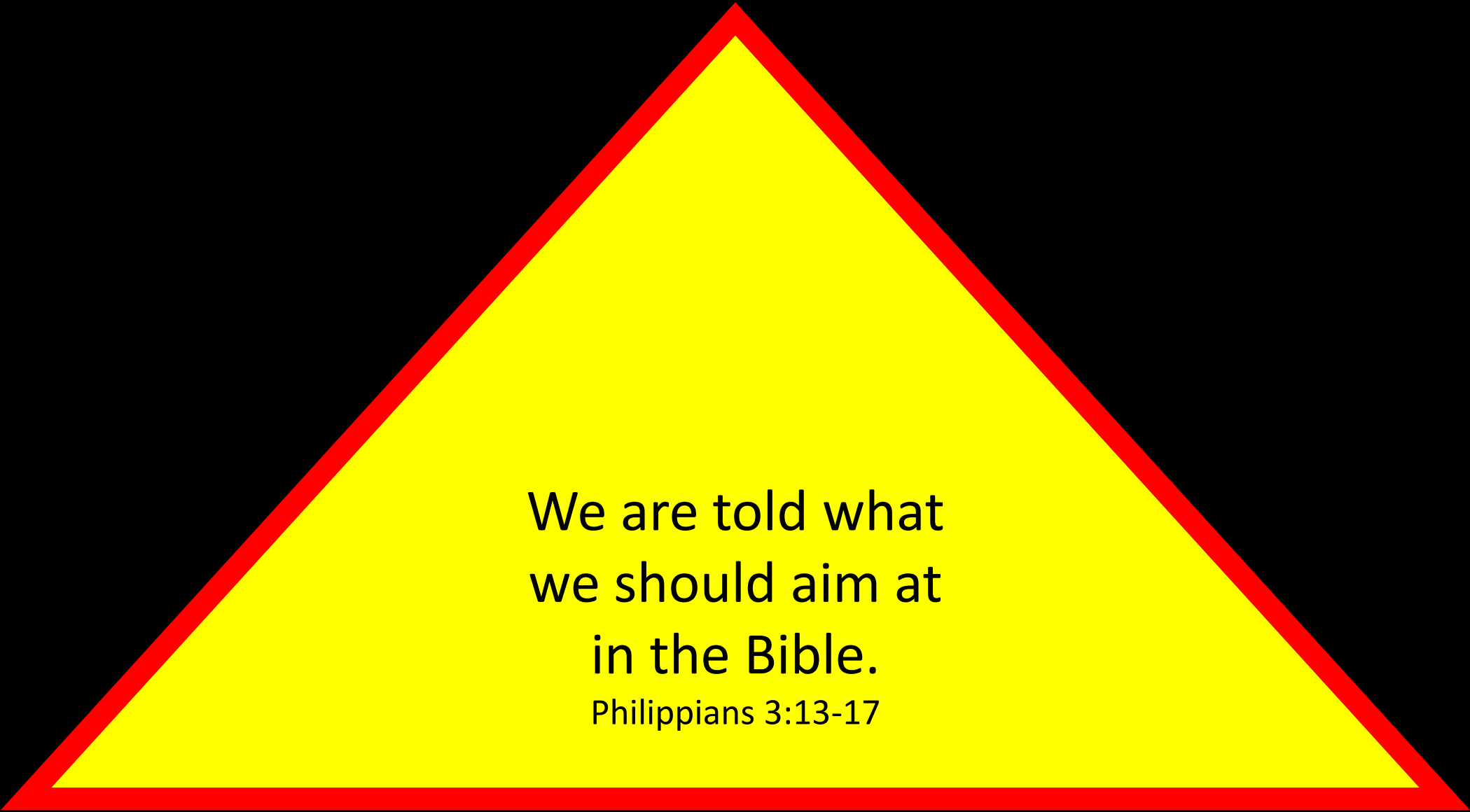
- There is a conclusion you should draw from Paul's testimony.
- Sincere Christians will think and live exactly like Paul did.
- Hypocrites do not have Paul's goals ... or his zeal to achieve them.
- God will correct sincere Christians of distractions, like with this study.
- Paul would have been a power couple, but he chose a higher calling.

16 Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.

- Varying attainments and varying ambition should not cause division.
- All men should follow God's handbook of rules for success.
- All men should learn to think the same way from God's handbook.
- Christian men will encourage and provoke each other to Paul's goals.
- Each man may be a power couple, but he is also part of a church team.


17 Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.

- Paul gave personal advice – follow me as I follow Jesus to greatness.
- His advice went further – make it a team project with other men.
- All good examples walking and thinking like Paul should be followed.
- There are good examples in our church – and in the Bible as well.
- Following an example is great for success. Follow other power couples.




We are told what
we should aim at
in the Bible.

Philippians 3:13-17




We are told we
should follow
great examples.

Philippians 3:13-17




We are told to
live and think
by God's manual.

Philippians 3:13-17



God will give to sincere
men the strength and
conviction for greatness.

Philippians 3:13-17



We have no excuses.
All married men should
aim to be power couples.

Philippians 3:13-17




Single men must marry high
enough for it to be possible.

Proverbs 31:10-31



If you married poorly, you
must train your lady for it.

Joshua 24:15



You are a loser in God's
sight, if you do not run the
Christian race to take first.

But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

I Corinthians 15:10

Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

I Corinthians 9:24

Who will be power couples in this church?

In 2019?

At Christ's Coming?


Power Couples

What We Mean by It
How to Be One

Power Couples as a phrase is not in the Bible and may be new to your thinking.

It is a basic concept and goal of Christians committed to Jesus Christ and His kingdom that join and leverage their lives and ability to accomplish more than making money, keeping house, sex, and raising children.

What a waste of two lives and God's
glorious invention of marriage!



Power couples is an extreme
goal with lofty descriptions;
no room to flatter anyone.

How do I get your attention to catch a vision to make something of your life and of your marriage?

Following are the teasers I used in pastoral updates to get your attention.

FACTS OF LIFE: Is your spouse still married to you ... by being stuck, resigned, making the best of a bad situation due to here strong fear of God ... or rather by thinking you are the best? Power couples will both give the right answer.

POWER COUPLES: No ordinary marriages – Prisca and Aquila marriages. Seven checks today – obvious romance, kingdom service, hospitality, soul winning, spiritual growth, visible fruit, and love of Christ.

BLOOMING WIFE: Power couples require a husband to love and teach his wife so she blooms with his cherishing and nourishing and instruction into the great kingdom servant she can be. Men, is your wife happier, wiser, more spiritually competent, better domestically, more highly esteemed by others, more useful to the kingdom, more fruit to her account, etc. than last year? It is your project. It is part of our religion, which you chose as your own, and you picked your wife. Young men, marry only exceptional girls that are superior above all others spiritually and especially have a perfectly gentle, meek, and submissive spirit to be taught anything to be a better Christian and wife.

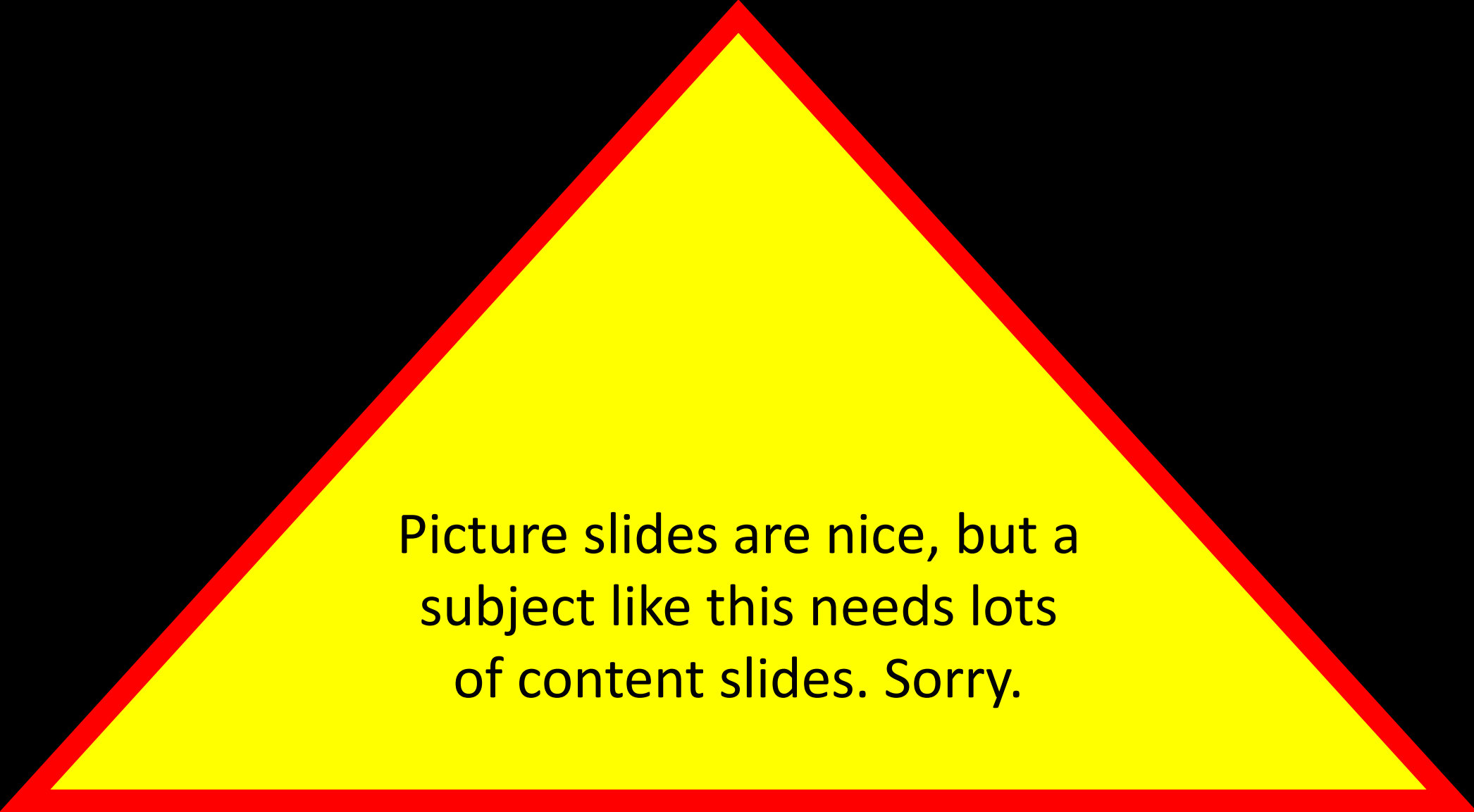
POWER COUPLES: Any worldly use of this term is worthless. A Christian power couple is like Aquila and Priscilla (converted Apollos, mutual business partnership in tentmaking, hosted and supported Paul, church in their house, wide apostolic reputation, etc.). Power couples are exceptional by ... a passionate, romantic marriage for others to follow ... both loving Jesus Christ supremely and publicly ... both serving the body of Christ individually and personally ... their home is wide open for hospitality and entertainment ... they counsel, convert, and teach others spiritual and life lessons ... they are involved in a wide range of kingdom activities ... they participate passionately in all worship and church functions ... they show initiative and creativity serving others ... they are willing to spend and be spent for others ... they have a great professional trajectory for one or both ... they crave and apply themselves to learning the Bible ... their children are exemplary as selfless servants of others, etc. This is the better reason to get married and should be the goal of every Christian marriage.

POWER COUPLES ... are a wonderful idea and goal for a marriage. Aquila and Priscilla are an excellent example. I commend you couples that got excited by a few paragraphs in updates a couple weeks ago. There is more coming. What did Martha Washington do every winter during the six years her husband led our Revolutionary army, though she was a wealthy woman before marrying him and owned a very comfortable mansion and estate?

POWER COUPLES: It is a fabulous concept and goal. Where did it come from? The Bible – Deborah (Lapidoth), Jael (Heber), great woman of Shunem (old husband), Aquila and Priscilla, household of Stephanas, Jonathan and Sarah Edwards, etc. Power couples maximize the marriage relationship for the kingdom of God (a side benefit is they are usually the happiest couples). They individually practice godliness, help the other spouse improve it in, and synergistically serve the church and others. Remember, two are better than one. These couples set high kingdom goals above high natural or American goals; they are never content with the status quo, for they want to be growing as God expects. Every church has three categories of couples – great, average, losers. In every marriage it is a choice, almost entirely by the husband, whether his marriage will be a power couple and his family a power family. More is coming on this subject. Young man, marry as high as you can spiritually and a girl with a big motor, or the goal of being a power couple is much harder and more unlikely.

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Picture slides are nice, but a
subject like this needs lots
of content slides. Sorry.

Power Couple Situation

- Some couples are worthless as couples for God and for kingdom.
- They do little or nothing for anyone ... and never together.
- We have a lot of great women – spiritual, smart, wise, energetic.
- Topic hurts wives with carnal, lazy, selfish, childish, jealous men.
- For our church to have more power couples, men must step up.

General Principles of Power Couples - 1

- Two are better than one; a man can leverage himself by a wife.
- Jesus sent the 12 and 70 two by two; Paul always had partners.
- Two minds (esp. a male and female) are better than one (male).
- Synergism is a very real principle or property of couples (Eccl 4:11).
- Great couples require great men and women – is that scriptural?

General Principles of Power Couples - 2

- Proverbs 31 is about a great woman – but where is her husband?
- Proverbs 31 is about a great woman – but what does he give her?
- Loving character and leadership (toward her) is an aphrodisiac.
- Power couple is married disciples doing it daily – kingdom work.
- God made Eve to be a helper ... sex, laundry, food, kingdom, etc.?

Power Couples

Kingdom first in all decisions.
Always serving any others.
Super gracious at all times.
Sacrificial in every respect.
Promoting Christ over all.
Seeks success for others.
Lives are higher ground.

What Is a Power Couple? - 1

- Two that work together – do many things as a couple, not apart.
- Awesome entertainers – showing hospitality like Team Gracious!
- Both are at assemblies or events – not leaving one at home.
- But during mingling, they separate to leverage opportunities.
- They dislike small talk, hanging out, or less than tree of life.

What Is a Power Couple? - 2

- They are like twins in zeal, knowledge, efforts by mutual help.
- Wife is trained and helped to be bold servant (Jael and Deborah).
- Hot marriage is crucial – an example, God's favor, teaching, etc.
- Synergism – allowing each spouse's abilities/gifts to be exploited.
- Bishops and deacons must have wives faithful in all things. Yes!

What Is a Power Couple? - 3

- They are obsessed about one soul at a time ... to be a tree of life.
- A good wife ... a loyal wife ... a hot wife ... means very little here.
- An efficient wife is not really better than girls from Molly Maid.
- Network marketing has power couples ... but this is for kingdom!
- Opposite-sex Christians as a team to honor Christ with their lives.

They delighted in God
above all others;
They were trees of life
to all others.

Power Couple Priorities

Christ's kingdom is always first.
Great marriage by God's terms.
Obsessed to serve individuals.
Never thinks others will do it.
Help each other to be best.
Cast down, never destroyed.
Real happiness is God first.

A Power Couple ... Is a COUPLE - 1

- God made a help meet for him. A helper always improves output.
- Two are better than one; leverage marriage for power (Ecc1 4:9-12).
- Your ability, fruit, service, productivity is not much without her.
- If wise, you realize power couple means you're a super husband.
- Anna was great; Lydia was great; but single girls need husbands.

A Power Couple ... Is a COUPLE - 2

- A couple is a team = teamwork = talking, listening, helping, etc.
- A super husband or wife is not a power couple, so get it together.
- Is this a creative way to motivate great husbands and wives? Yes!
- This measure is only as good as you + spouse + combined output.
- God is everything. Marriage is best two-man team. Combine 'em!

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You Must Marry this Kind of Woman - 1

- Total devotion to Jesus Christ and His gospel, church, and people.
- A servant's heart that feels needs beyond serving family (Pr 31:20).
- A big engine to get a lot done, multitask, with drive to do more.
- An eager follower that will embrace service you choose with zeal.
- A low maintenance woman that needs little; she's more a giver.

You Must Marry this Kind of Woman - 2

- A teachable spirit is priceless. Require it. Marry young. Train her.
- Parents and friends should only matchmake with this in mind.
- Pick a woman you can prepare, polish, perfect along with you.
- She must be gracious, or no one will listen to her or follow her.
- You must marry as high as you can spiritually far above all else.

You Must NOT Marry this Kind of Woman - 1

- Opinionated girls cannot learn and/or will not learn good things.
- A girl that does not serve before marriage will not serve after.
- A girl that gets tired with just a job or just school is too weak.
- If she does not have many friends now, she can't be useful later.
- A bad name – disliked and avoided by others – should end her.

You Must NOT Marry this Kind of Woman - 2

- Marrying a girl because she likes you and will is an insane reason.
- Marrying a girl because her father approves is a terrible choice.
- You must test her, measure her, observe her, and let others help.
- If she is the slightest bit selfish ... run, young man, while you can.
- If she is not busy helping all needy persons, dump her (Pr 31:20).

Power Couple Children

Super-friendly

Super-servers

Super-helpers

Super-volunteers

Always third

Never miss

First to help

Power Couple Children

They clearly reflect the goals and tone of the home, and they are a reasonable measure.

Some children are always serving others;
most children are selfish, lazy, stingy, proud.

You Must Treat Her this Way - 1

- Encouragement and praise will work far better than criticism.
- An overbearing husband will not make a power couple.
- Give her freedom to think and do – Jael, Deborah, virtuous, etc.
- Love her getting her own honor as a great woman (Prov 31:31).
- Is your wife blossoming and growing? If not, it is likely your fault.

You Must Treat Her this Way - 2

- Cherishing and nourishing is win-win-win – her, you, and couple!
- Women are responders ... so compliments are in, criticisms out.
- Nourish = feed, build, protect, promote = like your body (Eph 5:27).
- Some have wives smarter than them ... great! ... men, use them!
- Talk, listen, talk, listen ... discuss everyone, everything with Bible.

You Must Treat Her this Way - 3

- Nourish = help her grow with time, friends, books, Internet, etc.
- Systematically train her to think like you, if you think the Bible.
- Mundane assignments dull and/or discourage wives. Simple.
- If she is your superior, tell her so to get even more, then use her.
- Bible says not to discourage children ... but what about your wife.

Power couples cannot have ...

flies in their ointment.

Ecclesiastes 10:1

What Must You Do About Yourself? - 1

- Who is weakest overall? You need to grow up or nourish/train.
- Volunteer to lead men's prayer, give thanksgiving, pray, etc.
- You must lead by example, explain priorities, assign changes, etc.
- You cannot be a power couple without being a power man first.
- It is actually a simple choice – kingdom first – “it is what we do.”

What Must You Do About Yourself? - 2

- You must learn graciousness at all costs and hate odious conduct.
- Power here is not ... hard, loud, pushy ... or detailed, critical, aloof.
- Power here is ... charming, encouraging, friendly, gentle, winning.
- Grave and sober are good ... but morose negativity is sin. Get it?
- Even a whiff of personal or family pride will cost you this success.

What Must You Do About Yourself? - 3

- You must admit that your wife is likely what you have formed.
- It hurts to see gifted, driven women broken by their husbands.
- Great knowledge of the Bible by either is not a power couple.
- Rather, are you esteemed, respected, and sought out by others?
- What soft skills could you acquire to help her and to win others?

Hindrances to Power Couples - 1

- Is it you or your wife hindering? You picked bad and/or hurt her?
- Wives verbally ... too much, too foolish, too trivial, too quiet, etc.
- Too many children – forgive a study in 2013 being too late [\(here\)](#).
- If you had too many – then make most of them power couples!
- Choices alter availability and energy e.g. homeschooling, job, etc.

Hindrances to Power Couples - 2

- Hanging out ... guys with guys ... gals with gals ... is childish waste.
- Conversations should be intentional with goals and strategies.
- A power wife can have a job (Proverbs 31) for disposable income.
- Carefulness ruins a lot – simplify life to have more of everything.
- Bitterness in either or both is debilitating insanity and hateful sin.

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Power Couple Suggestions - 1

- Set basic marital goals from the Bible for God and for others.
- Start by onesies ... little changes ... use a calendar ... accountable.
- C&B read each update together, thoroughly ... great discussions.
- Husband, assess wife's priorities and manages scarce resources.
- D&N served Titus and Chelsea by a husband losing his wife.

Power Couple Suggestions - 2

- Two couples for supper ... each month ... set date ... guided talk.
- Host a prayer meeting ... 7:00 – 8:30 ... for a specific prayer goal.
- S&D are hosting Friday night singing at the church on April 5.
- Take newer members, distant members, or visitors after church.
- A&K do martyrs, JOY Club, paramedic, hair, host, employ, dig, etc.

Power Couple Suggestions - 3

- Power couples ... a team ... talk about others ... only how to help!
- If you criticize others without helping them, you are joint sinners.
- Criticizing others is how losers try to justify a worthless existence.
- Attending church is not a power couple; Catholics and JW's do so.
- Power couples plan vacations around God's house, cutting work.

Power Couple Suggestions - 4

- No down time as troubled couple ... God frowns ... others know.
- J&J have the largest family but showed most 3-year hospitality.
- Pray together fervently with believing appeal to Matthew 18:19.
- S&D have allowed Debbie to correspond with many, many years.
- N&H have made serving the youth a joint project of many hours.

A Power Couple's Job Description

Professional

Parental

Financial

Spiritual

Social

Personal

Civil

Family

Marital

Church

They Line Up Like This

Spiritual

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If you have been a power couple ... it takes
focused, continued effort to stay one ...
as athletes and businessmen know ...
what have you done for me lately?

To Help Men Build Power Couples

Agree to work together for the Lord

Entertain with a plan and prepare your wife to support you

Afterward analyze your evening

Discuss situations with your wife to teach her

Lay out common goals and lead her in them

Pray with your wife for others – teaching her to pray audibly

Pray with your wife about how to serve others

Compliment her in public

Give her credit where due

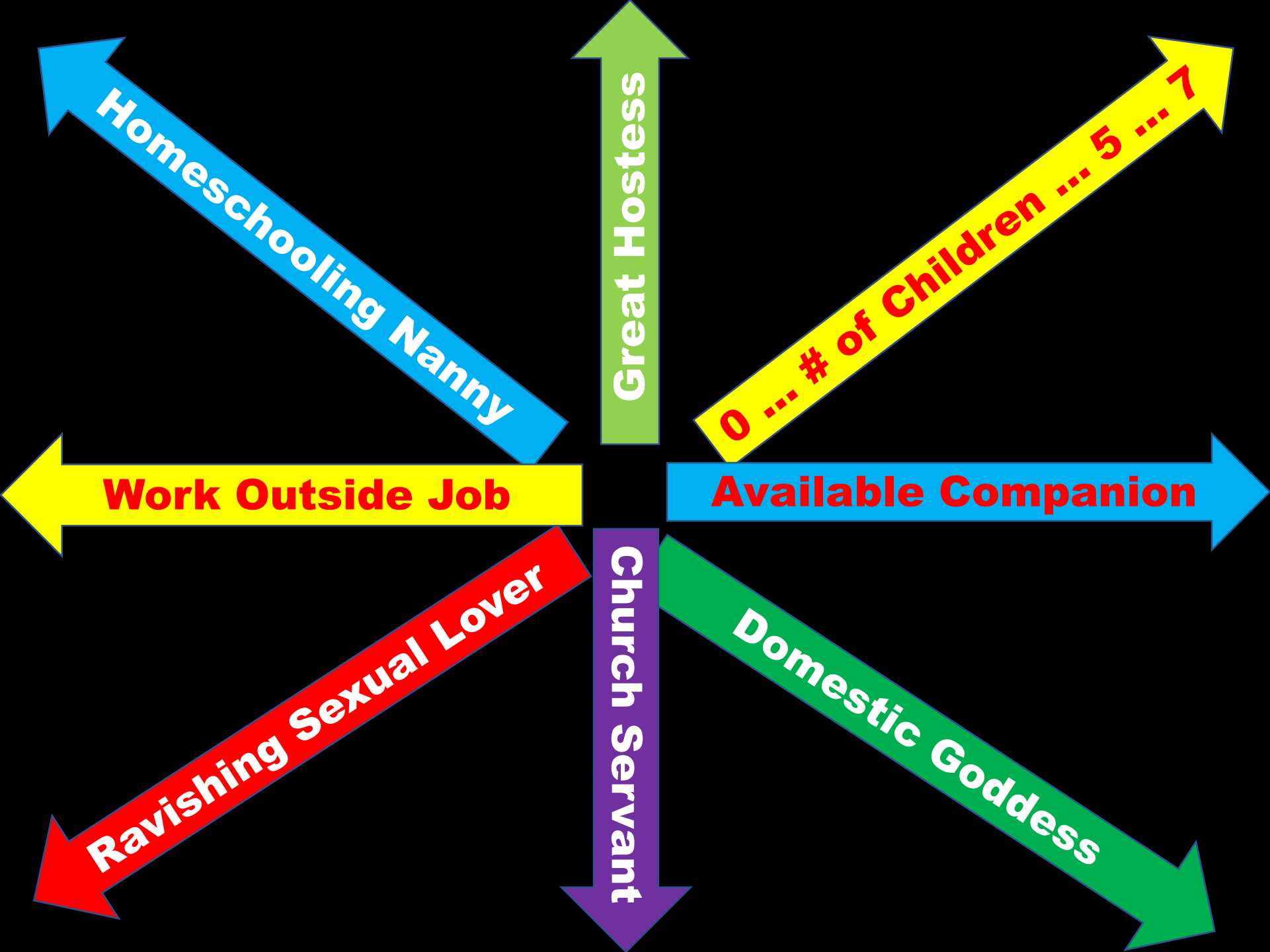
Your wife must trust you for you to accomplish anything together

Give her a realm of authority – then admire her ability in a thing

Provide the resources she needs to do what needs to be done

Be aware of opportunities and use your wife as a lookout
Give her assignments in a serving project
Train your kids so your wife can help you instead of chasing brats
It must be observable to others that your marriage is exciting
On Sundays divide your efforts and discuss observations later
Learn to work a crowd together when not individually engaged
Allow your wife goals with younger women and time to do them
Build couple friendships
Invite her into discussions where appropriate
Graciously teach your wife to be discreet, give her boundaries
Choose serving opportunities that you can work together on
Ask her opinion and listen
Dress her well for confidence and respect of others
Invest time with her to build your relationship/communication
Do not become a one man show with a doormat
Intentionally stretch her spiritually

Power Couples have husbands that wisely manage a wife's scarce resources and motivate them to love teamwork.



Homeschooling Nanny

Great Hostess

0 ... # of Children ... 5 ... 7

Available Companion

Domestic Goddess

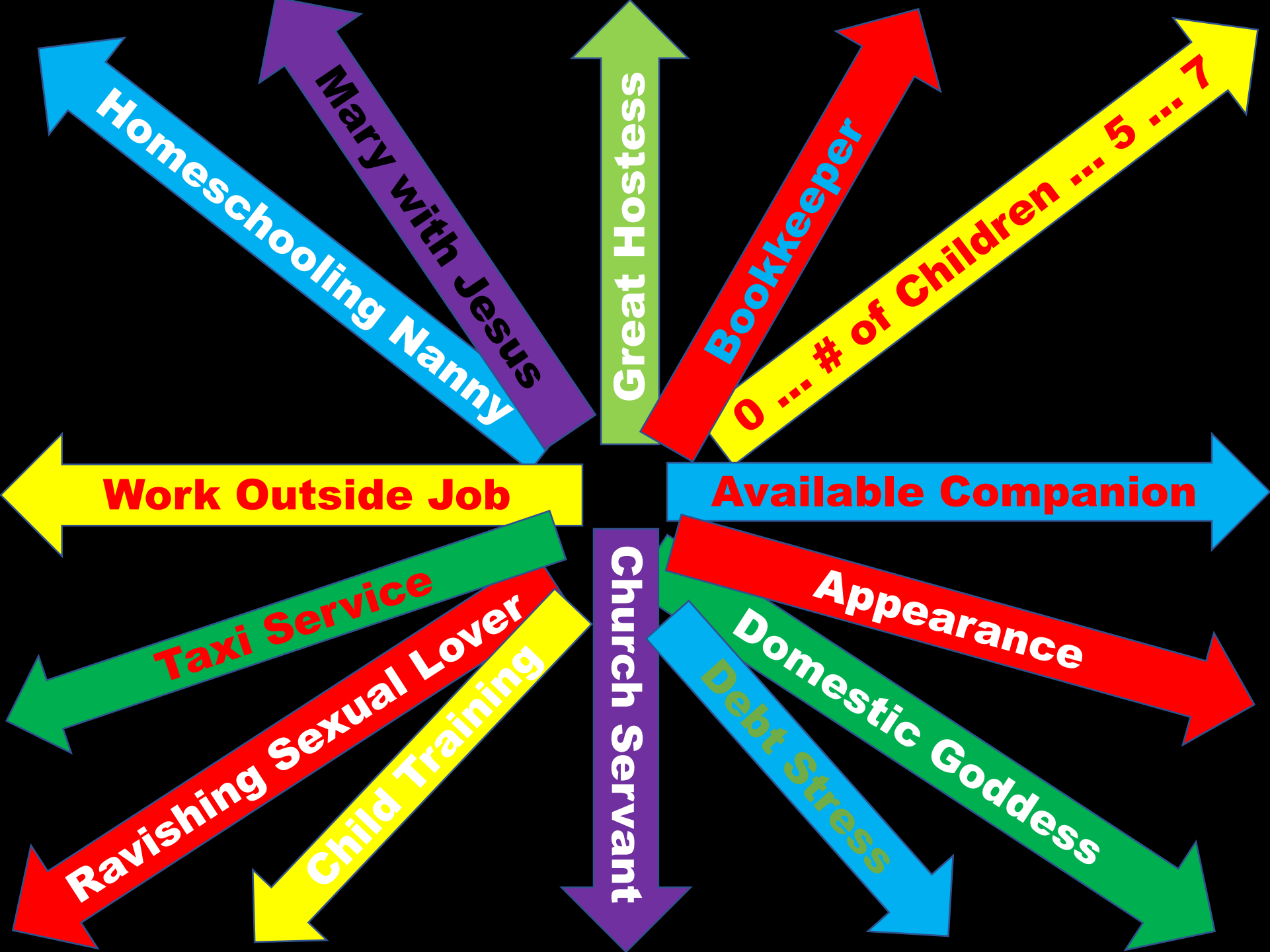
Church Servant

Ravishing Sexual Lover

Work Outside Job

Consider the Diagram

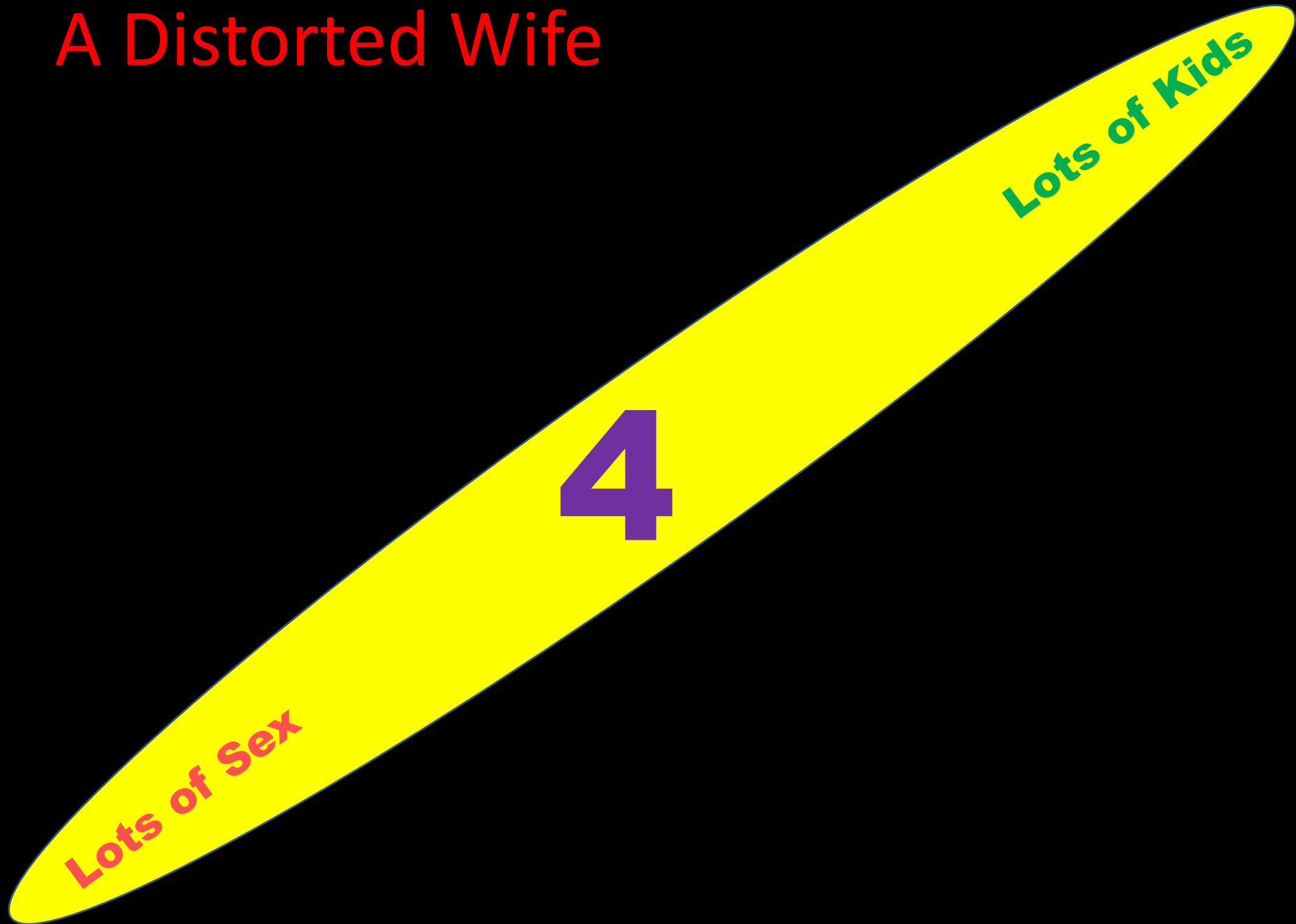
- The arrows are her many conflicting duties.
- Better ... is farther out any arrow.
- More ... is farther out any arrow.
- How many arrows, how far out, can she cover?
- You must manage and direct scarce resources.



Potential Time Wasters

Unnecessarily leaving house	Refinishing furniture for a buck
Baking your own bread, etc.	Over-complicating meals
Chasing alternative cures	Sleeping in or taking naps
Social media e.g. Pinterest, FB	Pacing yourself through day
Social outings of birthdays, etc.	Shopping, online or not
Unnecessarily leaving house	Online research to excess
Running to doctor for nothing	Time-consuming exercise
Crafts or hobbies	Groceries more than weekly
Playing with children too much	Texting and reading texts
Reading or surfing	Television, even the news
High-maintenance children	Unnecessarily leaving house

A Distorted Wife



Temptations to Overwhelm Her - 1

- Too many children! As the husband, you pick #.
- Why must you replenish earth? ... Are you a fool?
- Children are work, especially if you homeschool.
- Fear of pregnancy can be debilitating to a wife.
- Taking pregnancy risks is cruel, foolish, hateful.

Temptations to Overwhelm Her - 2

- Homeschooling is an enormous burden/project.
- Financial folly ... no savings ... no financial plan.
- Lose touch with how much things really cost.
- Do not communicate your priorities clearly!!!!
- Be ignorant of how long functions actually take.

Temptations to Overwhelm Her - 3

- Constant activity can be exhausting and distracting.
- Expect her to do something that you do not do.
- Spontaneity might be fun, but it gets her behind.
- Too much stuff. Help unclutter mind and tasks.
- No Consistency ... changing goals or directions.

Suggestions to Help Her - 1

- Let her visit parents more often ... if you do not.
- Help her with goals, schedules, structure, etc.
- Help her get over extreme health fuss or worries.
- Help her get over kidnapping and foolish fears.
- Date night is good for both in many helpful ways.

Suggestions to Help Her - 2

- Train and require children to assist around house
- Exchange time with the boys for time with her.
- Let her have alone time to recharge her spirit.
- Help her make it to every ladies meeting with joy
- What is your wife's love language? Do you give it?

Suggestions to Help Her - 3

- Living with her does not motivate her. What will?
- Living with her does not convict her. What will?
- Review her plans, so she does not over commit.
- Approve her plans, so she has you as an excuse.
- Ask how she is handling life and let her tell you.

Suggestions to Help Her - 4

- Stop texting her. It is distracting and exhausting!
- Do not let her over-complicate things. Hate 'M'!
- A happy woman can get a lot done in all areas.
- Do you know how to truly motivate her? Learn!
- Can you be her prince and take away her fears?

POWER COUPLES	AVERAGE COUPLES	PROBLEM COUPLES
Entertain		Selfish Loners
Counsel		No Initiative
Communicate		Quiet Loners
Always Serving		Takers / Users
Win Souls		No Fruit At All
Encourage		Never Praise
Participate		Never Volunteer
Soft Skills		Unpopular
Example Home		Poor Home
Kingdom Addicts		Earthly Distracted

POWER COUPLES	AVERAGE COUPLES	PROBLEM COUPLES
Love of Christ		Doctrine or World
Visible Growth		Never Change
Spiritual Fruit		No Grace Evident
Hot Romance		Merely Partners
Very Generous		Stingy & Tight
Complimentary		Critical or Cutting
Serving Children		Selfish Children
Rejoicing Happy		Bland and Boring
Delightful Children		Irritating Children
Warm Interaction		Tense Interaction

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What a Power Couple Is Not

Wrapped up in themselves
Think hobbies are needful
Exalt family way too high
Interested in politics
Addicted to pleasure
Think home is their own
Conservative with money
Attend church and that is all
Believing doctrine is enough
Good marriage serving no one

What a Power Couple Does

Enthusiastic at Every Assembly

Hospitality & Entertainment

Attends or Hosts Prayer Mtgs

Corresponds with Scattered Souls

Volunteers First for Opportunities

Soul Winner in and out of Family

Spiritual Goals and Conduct Strong

Romantic, Consistent Marriage

Train Selfless, Serving Children

Builds Up Church Any Way Possible

For Further Study

- **Role of the Man ...** <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/role-of-the-man.pdf>.
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