

Rules of Engagement

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When you get married and perhaps even start your own family one day, you become the King and Queen of your own castle. Because you are made in God's own image and likeness, and commissioned to have dominion, you get the opportunity to START by leading your own home. The responsibility of your kingdom's health, happiness, security and wellbeing rests squarely on your shoulders. Is that exciting or scary?



SESSION OBJECTIVES

This Rules of Engagement session is designed to help you:

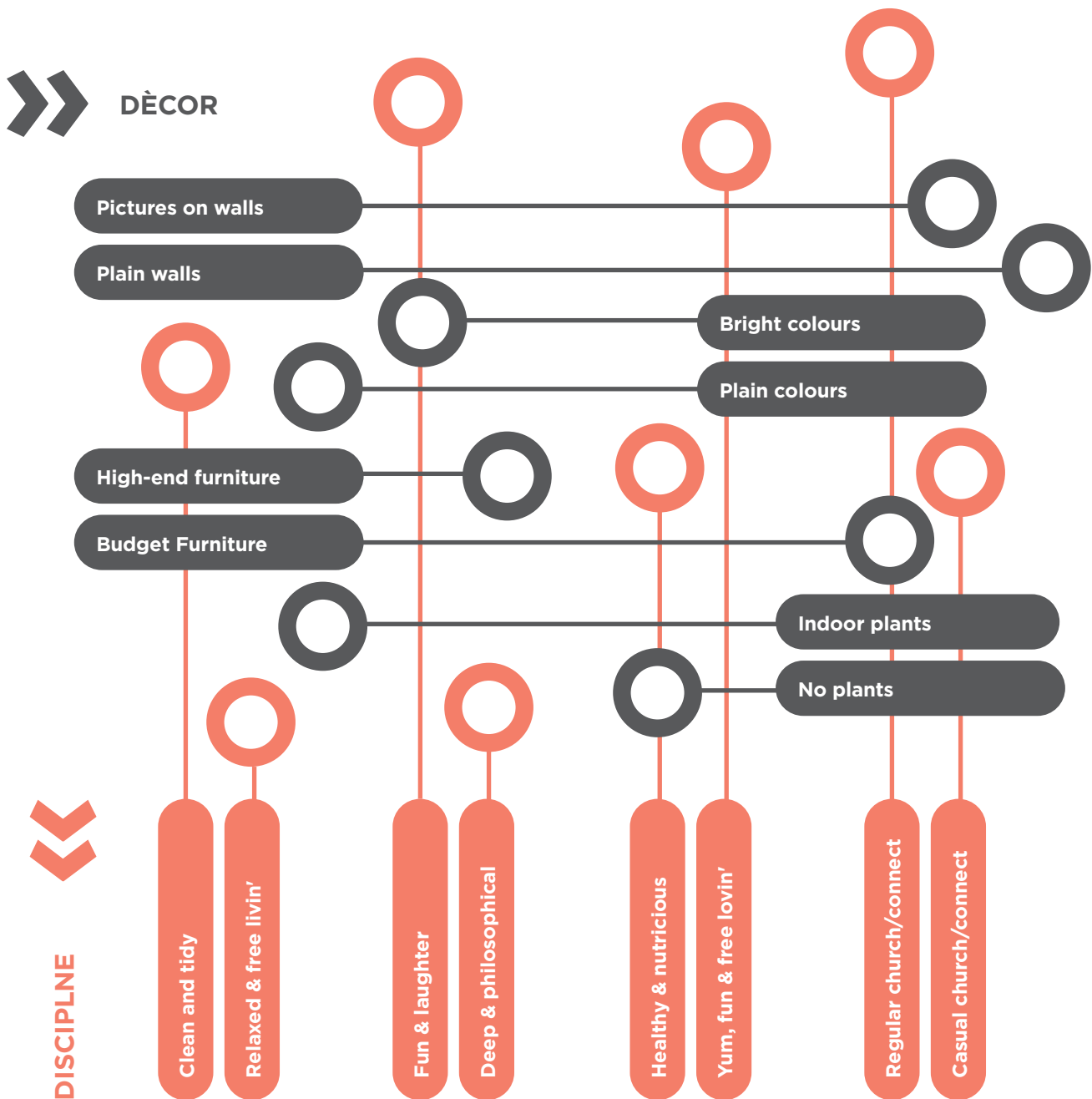
- (a) develop a deeper appreciation for God's kingdom and His commission for you to have dominion
- (b) understand the roles and responsibilities of Kings and Queens
- (c) learn servant leadership – how to inspire change, rather than coerce, manipulate or compel

Setting up your kingdom.

How you keep, manage and look after your home environment is totally up to you. It's your kingdom. The charm and character of a home environment can be achieved through both décor and discipline. Décor is what you can see on the outside (how to decorate), whereas discipline is what's determined on the inside (how to live).



What décor vs discipline categories do you wish to furnish your home with after marriage?



**HUSBANDS AND WIVES
AREN'T RULERS OVER
EACH OTHER, RATHER
THEY ARE...**

**...joint rulers
over their
kingdom.**

Stir the pot of passion.

Rather than relying on formal qualifications or nominated titles to enforce one's authority, servant leaders develop the capacity to inspire one another. That's why good leaders aren't entitled. Instead of demanding their way, good leaders serve as role models and stir up passion in the hearts of their loved ones, so as to inspire change for good.



Share with each other one experience you've had in your past where you:

...were coerced, manipulated or compelled into buying, saying or doing something that you didn't really want.

HOW DID IT MAKE YOU FEEL?

...were encouraged, motivated and stirred to do something that required you to step out of your comfort zone and 'step up' to a new level.

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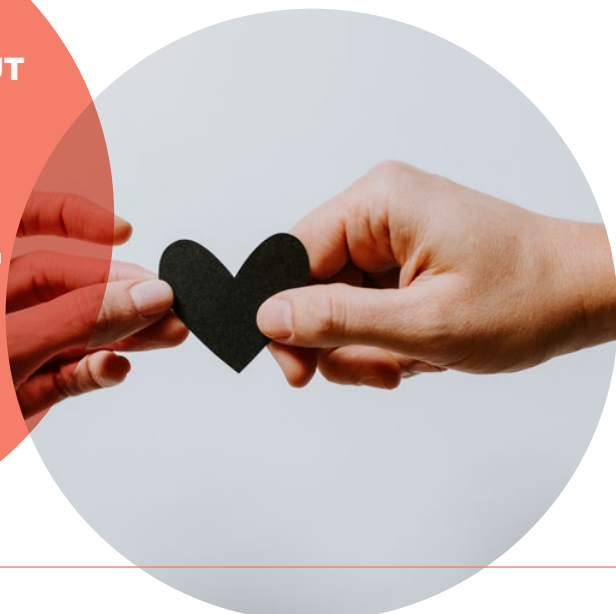
...observed the way someone achieved, behaved or lived, and instead of getting jealous or insecure, you were inspired to make a change for good.

HOW DID IT MAKE YOU FEEL?

...rudely confronted by someone for doing the wrong thing, who then demanded you apologise and take ownership for the mistake.

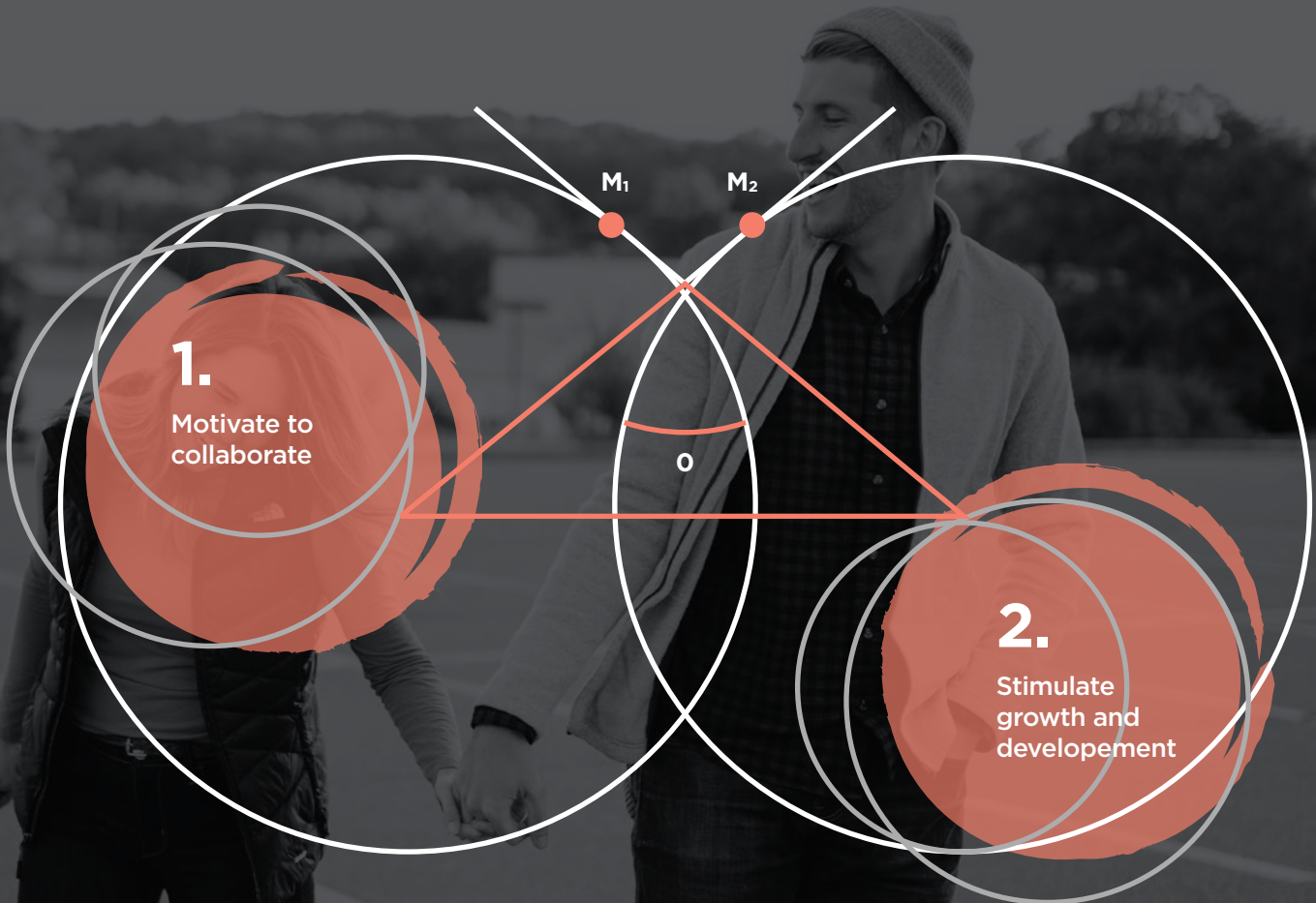
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LEADERSHIP ISN'T ABOUT BEING IN CHARGE, IT'S ABOUT TAKING CHARGE - LEADING THE WAY BY SERVING, INSPIRING GOODNESS, PROMOTING SECURITY AND ADVANCING THE WELL-BEING OF OTHERS.



Christ-like servant leadership.

Good leadership has less to do with 'you're right' to be a leader, and more to do with your responsibility to 'lead right'. Therefore, if you want to be effective in leading others, you first have to learn how to lead like Jesus. The good news is that there's nothing like marriage to practice being a servant leader.



- Believe the best about those they lead
- Identify areas of strength and potential greatness
- Communicate what they see and cast vision for who they could be

GREAT LEADERS:

- Encourage, stretch and at times, correct (help to realign)
- Remind fellow leaders who they are and what they are capable of
- Inspire progress towards specific goals, excellence and improvement

What kind of leader are you?



What leadership characteristics do you already possess?


	HIM	HER
Supportive: You come alongside others to lend a hand	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Driven: You commit to a task until it's accomplished	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Encouraging: You actively look for ways to build people up	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Kind: You endeavour to be thoughtful and considerate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mentor: You mould, shape and refine others for excellence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Objective: You consider things from different perspectives	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Empowering: You provide opportunities for others to learn	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Resilient: You don't quit easily, even when things go wrong	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sacrificial: You deny yourself, to meet the needs of others	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Collaborative: You'd rather work together, than strive alone	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Optimistic: You see the potential greatness in others	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Visionary: You see & convey what could be, before it exists	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Model: You lead by practical example, showing the way	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



DISCUSSION POINTS

Q: When making important decisions in your relationship, are you receptive of each other's input and influence?

Q: If you can't agree on something, or don't like the decision that has been made, how will you come to a resolution?



**“To accept
correction is
wise, to reject
it is stupid.”**

PROVERBS 12:1 (CEV)