



IS BEING A PROVIDER A SCAM?!

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all right Mark and Grace trisc here with the Real Marriage podcast thanks for joining me best friend absolutely um today we're going to go to an issue that blew up on Tik Tok I wouldn't know yeah have you ever been on Tik Tok so you done zero ticking or talking correct and it is uh the topic is the soft guy era so sounds fun yeah younger uh and just any man who's soft immediately that should be a problem but um so the the issue is for younger men especially those that are looking to get married or newly married um inflation has got everything expensive and what we've done we have essentially priced an emerging generation out of the housing market uh inflation has those who are kind of living paycheck to paycheck really str for Essentials like gas and food um and so you know what happens when you vote for Democrats is eventually the government gets bigger and you get poor and uh they call itation gets worse and inflation gets worse which is largely created by the government and so uh younger men are arguing now for the soft guy era and uh here's one of the comments we all know uh being a provider in 2024 is a scam so we don't care we're not doing that anymore we know that's oldfashioned these women got money these women are working and they need to contribute so the basic gist to the argument is uh things are very expensive men are very soft and so uh women should be expected to 50/50 uh yeah yeah harden up and and make some more money so what do you think about that as a Christian wife mom woman we got married young we were in the People's Republic of Seattle which was very expensive started a church didn't get paid for the first years was a unpaid volunteer um and times were tight and uh you stayed home with the kids and didn't generate income um and those were our convictions and we lived by them and we tithed first and foremost to God and times were tough yeah yeah I mean it makes sense from a worldly view like 50/50 right um but that's not how God sees things and he expects the man to be the provider in the head is it a sin for a woman to work no but if his goal is for everything to be even so that he doesn't have to work as hard as God created him to work then no that's bogus and he needs to toughen up and I was in the advertising world before you know before we had kids and paid off my student loans and you had a good job contributed what I could but you weren't relyant on me to make ends me we work together at finances and my role as a wife and a woman was to be a good Steward of the money that you worked hard to make and that I worked hard initially to make and and to be frugal a Frugal woman is from the Lord and so for us it was it's a really a mindset biblically for Christians which is very different than probably the average Tik talk viewer um and for us you know when we decided to have kids I basically nicely told you figure it out because I'm not going back to work and my role is to invest everything I can with the kids now in this article um it talked about you know women going to their Pilates classes and you know basically sitting home and eating Bon bonss and expecting the man to let them shop and do whatever that's not the mind that I had I worked hard at what God called me to do and being a wife and raising our kids and being in Ministry um unpaid but I wasn't sitting home doing nothing so that is a wrong attitude if you have a wife like that or a girlfriend like that that's not okay either but it doesn't mean that the guy and the gal should make 50/50 it means you need to have a conversation she's not a hard worker you probably shouldn't marry her y cuz she's not going to work hard to raise the kids and keep the home and well and I would ask honey so um you worked up until um you know we started having kids and my recommendation is always to a young couple uh live off of his income yes until you have kids whatever she generates for income if you have Debt Pay It Down pay it off uh save up so you can purchase a home put cash reserves in place so that you've got a bit of a safety net when the kids do come and an emergency fund um if you're both living at a sort of a a maximum lifestyle and you are not able to downsize because now you've got car payment and house payment and maybe credit card debt and college

debt and just the personal debt is insanity right now it's completely insane and the Bible says that the borrower is slave to the lender so for those who are younger I mean every credit card is just another jail cell you know and it's all of a sudden you don't have the freedom to make your decisions based upon your convictions uh now you're making your decisions based upon interest rates and um and so for us you know we lived off of what I made until um you stopped working and at that point we didn't have to completely alter our entire lifestyle and we lived in Seattle which was very expensive even back then yeah in the urban core um and so for us um it's a deep Prof conviction but what happens then is if you if you both are living at kind of a maxed out lifestyle you can't even afford to have children MH and there's an entire generation of younger women that do not want to have kids statistically younger men want to have kids younger women don't and uh and at that point man alive now you're just walking away from all of your biblical convictions because the Bible says um you know one of the Old Testament books near the end of the Old Testament says that the purpose of marriage God says is quote Godly Offspring and so the purpose of marriage is not just to double your income um but to have children that you raise to love and serve the Lord be fruitful and multiply be fruitful and multiply and so you know I mean to me the soft guy era is it's a bunch of guys who were over mothered underfue and the result is they want their wife to pick up for their deficiencies and their immaturities and I do understand that things are expensive and I do understand that our nation is poorly run to say the least um it's a complete disaster but I also believe if you live within your means and you're United as a couple and you make prudent decisions I think God is gracious and generous to help 100% you know to help make up that difference what would you say to the guy who's got a wife or a girlfriend who doesn't work but doesn't want to have kids and she just kind of wants to live a Leisure you know spa day lifestyle at his expense and that's different than a gal who you know is a wife and a mom that's more than a full-time job yeah yeah I mean if you're a Christian guy that's not an ideal um it's not a woman you should be looking for yeah um I mean it's not someone like Ruth it's not you know someone like even Esther it's not some of the the proverbs 31 attributes that we see um she was a hard worker built a field or built a business and was up early in the morning and up late at night and I mean she was a hard worker with the things that God um gave her to Steward with her family and and resources and so um that's what a godly man needs to look for if a woman is teachable and just unaware that that's unacceptable um then if he can lead her through that kindly and love her through that to a place of productivity and actually having a work ethic then that's great but if not um probably not going to be someone that's going to do a good job investing in marriage and family and that's sad and we have an era of that in women as well um that are lazy and don't understand hard work with family and marriage and um and relationships they're not even willing to give of themselves in relationships let alone work to raise children and we have a lot of modern conveniences now um that if women really want to do a good job they can utilize those they can be in you know church that helps come along side them to train them and teach them um but the average young couple on Tik Tok that's getting married I mean and a lot of them they're just living together exactly and so statistically your odds for divorce are higher because that saves money to live together yeah and that's the lie and so um but there is a verse where Paul says and I've I've actually read it on Tik Tok and it went viral in and I got banned just for reading the verse I didn't even quote on it uh comment on it rather but it was uh if a man does not provide for the needs of his family he's denied the faith and he's worse than an unbeliever and so you know there's nothing in the Bible that says um that men should shift a portion of their responsibility over to their wife um in the same way I think stay-at-home dad is like one of the worst ideas I've ever heard in my entire life

and that is you know well I'll I'll take the the wife's role and you'll take the husband's role and you go out and generate revenue and and and the soft guy era probably ends up with the stay-at-home dads on the backside and so all of this has been tried and failed throughout human history and what happens is when you're young you think well you know we've got this fancy new idea it's like well civilization wasn't built with your stupid idea it was built by men uh who have a wife and kids depending on them yeah getting up and going to work to do what it takes to provide for their family I was talking to a guy um recently he came to the house we thought we had a maybe a a gas leak and so I was like okay got to get a gas guy out and make sure we don't have a gas leak and he came out he was a Hispanic guy super nice guy we were talking um this week and uh he was telling me about his family and uh he's got couple of kids the oldest is 13 and then another one's like eight and they had a surprising baby girl born recently she's she's a baby and he's like greatest blessing of his life but he told me um just what an honor it is for him to provide for his family and so he was just talk he didn't know who I was doesn't know I'm a pastor just a guy who loves his family and he said uh he said I I come home and he said my daughter greets me and uh she gives me a big hug and she thanks me for going to work that's awesome and he he said she learned that from my wife my wife always is Greatful that I go to work and provide for the family and he said my wife uh stays home with the kids he said he said because I don't want anybody else raising our kids and I don't want the government you know educating our kids these are our kids like so I don't know if he's a Christian or not but he's got his head on straight and he said then his daughter helps him take his boots off and snuggles with him a and um they din together as a family and then he gets time with his family at night and Tucks the kids in and he had a big smile and he said uh he said I I tell my wife and kids all the time he said if it wasn't for you he said there's no way in the world I'd get up at 3:00 in the morning wow that's when he gets up to make the long commute in to where he works because they have to live pretty far away from his route where he works to afford a home for his family he said so I get up at 3:00 in the morning I do my chores around the house I commute in to work before you know the Sun's Up and before there's traffic and you know he said I work hard all day and then I go home to my family and he said and I get weekends off with my family and he said it's a great life he said as a man I need a reason to get up I need people to be depending on me uh and he said I I take that responsibility very very seriously we had a good long talk and I just thought what a great man it's awesome you know what a great man and he's the kind of man that his kids can respect absolutely and he's the kind of man that his wife can be grateful for and be appreciative of and it's the kind of man that quite frankly Built America yeah and those guys don't really exist anymore and that's why America is tanking and failing and so I I would just say if you're a guy and you're a young guy uh don't look at your stupid peers um look at grown men that did something built something built a family built a company built a legacy on generational wealth with hard work and the truth is um if you're a man God didn't make you to be a soft guy um soft guys are a problem um the Ahab and the beta males and the weak woke joke folk they're the problem and so if you're a man you want to you want to be strong you want to be hard you want to be resilient you want to be uh you know forged and uh and and at the end of the day if you're a guy that's trying to find a soft way out you're just a failure and it's an embarrassment and you should be ashamed of yourself well and if you are going into a relationship wanting to serve less and S sacrifice less and take more and take more whether you're a man or a woman good luck with a healthy relationship it's just not what a relationship is about and it's a joy for like you know like you were saying the gentleman like it's a joy for you toar love and serve our family in the way that you do it's a joy for me to love and serve our family in the the way that I do and we

both work hard at what God has called us to do which makes it incredible to see the fruit that comes from that and I think losing the Long View of a relationship is tragic to a relationship and when we do it God's way it really is a blessing and being able to see now in our life stage where you did work hard to provide so that I could stay home with the kids it's incredible the kids had a whole family to be raised in and we were both present in the ways that we needed to be and we didn't do things perfectly by any stretch but um I think the kids would say that having you as the example of working hard outside the home me working hard inside the home was a very secure place for them to be raised in well and now close to this too so we do have grandkids and we've got three married kids and um the the sons work very hard and uh their wives are not going to be you know in the workforce they're going to be focused on raising the children and it's not a sin for a woman to generate revenue or anything like that um and our our daughter you know she got I just had just literally drove in from hanging out with our daughter and my grandson and um you know just getting time with them and she's just a mom she's got a master's degree she's brilliant she's very competent and capable and she's like you know what my husband's got this and that's our son-in-law and so part of it is too is like if the world is broken do you want to not have kids or do you want to have kids that you're not raising and do you want to perpetuate the problem or do you want to set an example for Generations that's the solution and the man needs to be kind and generous about it if he is earning the money you never made me feel bad for not earning a wage no no no and you were very frugal honey you didn't generous and so that would be the other side of it like it is vulnerable for a woman to be in a relationship where she's not making any money and he's paying for everything that I mean that feels vulnerable but that's where you're forced to continue to work on trust in the relationship and serving in the relationship and so just encouraging gals too on the other side of that that that that is a beautiful thing it's the harder way but it it's the Lord's way to do things well it was our money and in the same way you know you didn't generate dollars and I didn't generate babies but you couldn't look at me and say you know my kids like no no there are kids and there are dollars and so when the Two Become One you share everything without lording it over each other that's right cool all right all right thanks baby