

LESSONS FROM TIGER

By Rev. Bill Banuchi – December 2009

Again, I found myself wanting to reach through the radio to strangle another commentator who was pontificating about the need to have a prenuptial agreement before marriage, citing the Tiger Woods incident as proof that you need to protect your own assets against predatory wives.

How far we have fallen when we think that the greatest transgression is marrying without a prenuptial agreement. What message are we sending to our young people? Are we saying that marriage won't last so cover yourself for sure? Are we saying that you've got to look out for "number one?" Are we saying that marriage is no more than a business relationship? Well, apparently, these are precisely the messages we are sending when we forget that marriage is a sacred institution ordained by God to fulfill his purposes in the earth.

The problem is not the absence of a prenuptial contract, which is in fact, a pre-determined divorce-agreement. If marriage is reduced to a business contract –and it very well can be in this government "of the people"- then we will be passing on to the next generation more social chaos and dysfunction than we are presently experiencing. If you think the children of this generation are without vision or purpose, wait till the next! We must not continue down this path of cultural narcissism where everyone just cares about themselves.

But then again, it would be illogical to expect a culture without God to consider anything holy. So it must be up to the people of God, beginning with the clergy, to begin teaching the difference between the holy and the common (Leviticus 10:10). We must set the standard in our own marriages understanding that we are contagious. Others will catch what we have. They will be influenced by the way we esteem the holy institution of marriage. Let us be sure they are influenced in the right direction.

As we pray for Tiger Woods and his family, let us also be resolved to esteem even more highly the holy institution of marriage, beginning with our own, and impacting others around us, for His glory!