

Los Elegidos Ministries: Los Elegidos Bible Club - Los Elegidos Radio - Los Elegidos Outreach Sunday 1/12/24

"She is more precious than rubies, and all the things you may desire cannot compare with her . . . " Prov3:15



Yes, that is God talking about wisdom which comes from His Word, yet He uses that same term when referring to a wife of noble character, "she is worth far more than rubies." (Prov31:10) God has filled up my wife with so much wisdom . . . Today on what was suppose to be our day of rest, my wife Maribel (photo-right) decided to invite three of our girls from the ministry out for lunch and a day of just doing girlie things (shopping) while I tagged along - I'm so glad I got to tag along . . . I didn't try to butt in on any of the conversations, but as we sat there enjoying our

breakfast/lunch date with Xochi (13), Kimberly (13) and her sister Samantha (12, photo/left), I was awestruck with the way my wife communicated with these girls, making them feel so very special

and appreciated.

My wife has this amazing gift from God on how to communicate with kids - as she put them more at ease, Samantha & Kimberly began sharing how their dad leaves them at home, sometimes for

days at a time while he is just down the highway with his girlfriend, and then he pawns them off on neighbors (like tonight) so he doesn't have to come home. I've had several conversations with him concerning this very thing - he is putting his girls at risk. Please pray for Samantha & Kimberly, that God's hand of protection always be upon them - they live right across the street from a notorious mechanic who always has drunk individuals hanging around - sometimes when we drop them off these guys think it's ok to flirt with our girls.

Please pray for me, that I don't lose my cool and try to do some free dental work on some of these fake mechanics . . .

"She opens and extends her hand to the poor, and she reaches out her filled hands to

the needy  $\dots$ 

First and foremost, this verse would not even be possible if not for the generosity of our beloved back home, and this is how God uses my wife in such beautiful ways, it brings tears to my eyes like today . . .

As I mentioned before, I was just the chauffeur today, sitting in our van trying to catch up on some sleep (I've been battling depression since the passing of my dad, please pray for me) when my wife called me and said,

"Honey, can you come pay?"

My wife had taken the girls to their favorite place, "Opera", where you can find almost anything a girl would want and need in terms of clothing, jewelry, makeup, etc. I was surprise to find that my wife was going to bless them with a bunch of undergarments - what didn't surprise me was the condition their clothing (my wife explained) was in. Such is the life of the impoverished . . . you wouldn't think that from looking at their smiles (photo-bottom right) just after being blessed!

I praise God that my wife looks out, looks after, and genuinely cares for every single girl in our ministry - I know first hand the poverty she struggled through growing up as a kid, and by the grace of God our Lord

places these things on her heart to bless our kids, as if she already knew what they needed. I saw our girls go from feeling special to feeling extra super special!

Then my wife blurted out, "Hey, why don't we go catch a movie!?"
Now I was upset - I had planned on going home and catching up on all the NFL highlights I was missing.

When they all finally decided what movie they wanted to see I said, "Okay, let's go, but I'm not gonna like it unless I have popcorn." If it wasn't for the Lord, if it wasn't for my wife, if it wasn't for our beloved back home, these three girls would have sat at home alone all day with their parents gone (Xochi's mom runs off with her boyfriend too). God is so faithful to our girls . . .







Xochi - I refer to Xochi as "SuperGirl". Her mom works from evenings to early mornings leaving Xochi (13) to handle everything else which includes: waking up at 5am and making breakfast for her young siblings, then she's off to the jr. high by 7am pulling straight A's in all of her classes, then she comes home from school and makes lunch for her siblings before taking them to school - when they get out of school she's off to pick them up and at times has to make dinner for them. Basically Xochi is the mom, her mom just happens to work and spend lots of time with her boyfriend . . .

How Xochi finds time to even get her homework done, do all that cooking, washing, cleaning, and attend bible study and prayer with us three nights a week is beyond my

imagination.

Please pray for Xochi - that "mija" would not lose hope and continue to fight that good fight of faith - it was about a year ago when we dropped her off, I asked how her dad was doing. Mija started crying, explaining to us that her dad had abandoned her when she was maybe 5 years old - has not seen him since, and doesn't want to see him . . . please pray

that the Lord would heal her from that hurt and she be this

amazing "light" for the Lord, she's a born leader.

"She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of

kindness is on her tongue."

My wife had a long talk with all three today on what it really means to be a young lady in the Lord . . . I'm not sure what's worse, having your mom abandon you (Samantha & Kimberly), or having your mom ignore you (Xochi) while living under the same roof.

Either way, my precious wife has become a "mom" to all the girls at the ministry, and the way she imparts wisdom to them, Godly wisdom, never

ceases to amaze me.

Today after watching the movie she talked about what it means to really love someone as a friend (Jesus love), and earlier at the lunch table these still shy girls found it difficult to pay each other compliments, encourage each other. I have never heard my wife raise her voice to any of our kids (some are deserving) for as long as I can remember, and the verse that comes to mind when I think about how she relates to our kids is this: "Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweet and delightful to the soul and healing to the body." Please continue to pray for my wife, that God would continue to use her to bring healing to all our kids who have been hurt so deeply and for so long... the Lord heals.

Please pray that some of that gift she has rub off on me so I can do that too!

## All our love,

Walt & Maribel & Los Elegidos Bible Club

p.s. Please pray for us as my wife and I try to take some time off from ministry up in Santa Barbara from the 14th to the 22nd of this month - that we get plenty of rest and God fill us with a greater desire to serve Him. p.s.s. Please pray we are able to find a "newer" (bigger) used vehicle - our Honda Civic has taken a beating . . .