

Week #4

When the House Is a Mess - The Problem

Some of us receive the shock of our lives when we move in together after the wedding and discover how slovenly our new spouse has become - seemingly overnight.

It may seem a small matter on the surface, but the tensions that build when a home is no longer a haven can chip away at our happiness. Even worse, if we give in to our angry impulses, the defeated feelings of failure to keep a clean house and the lack of understanding one another's responsibilities construct walls around our hearts.

When children enter the picture, clean cascades into clutter in no time. It has been said, "One day we decided we were tired of sleeping in and doing whatever we wanted whenever we wanted in a clean house, and so we had kids."

Family management is often a learned skill that takes tweaking to implement fully. It is more of a challenge for those with certain personalities.

In the meantime, our longing for clean space is frustrating.

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