

Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage

Luke 16:14-18 Page #1044

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Components of a God Honoring Marriage:

I. Leave: Establish independence from parents/others.

1. Leaving has to do with priorities, dependence, and support.

2. Marriage is one man and one woman for a lifetime.
(No provision for homosexuality, polygamy, etc.)

II. Join (Cleave): Establish bonding/faithfulness to one another.

1. To cleave means to connect, cement, intertwine. (vs 24)

2. "Intimacy" and "independence" are always in opposition.

3. God created Adam with an unmet desire. (vs 15-20)

a. Walk with God

b. Responsibility

c. Work

d. Obedience

4. God created Adam FIRST & at the right time presented Eve.

a. Adam was designed to be the servant leader of the home.

b. Eve was prepared/made just for Adam.

i. Prayer (Luke 6:12) - Dependence

ii. Maturing (Luke 6:40) - Christlikeness

iii. Wisdom (Luke 2:40) - Obedience & application.

III. BECOME ONE FLESH: Cultivate oneness/intimacy.
(Spiritual, emotional, and physical) (verses 24-25)

FAMILY FAITH SHEET

Transformation Verse - Honor your father and your mother... Exodus 20:12 (NASB)
(CRefs. - Deut. 27:16, Luke 2:51, Eph. 6:1, Col 3:20)

Monday, 12-3-12 - Reflecting on Yesterday

1. Read Luke 16:14-18. Discuss Sunday's message with someone.
2. What did you learn concerning marriage that you will pass on?
3. Talk with your spouse concerning what you believe would help produce oneness between the two of you.
4. What changes, improvements, or steps of obedience might help you grow in worship together as a couple? As a family?

Tuesday, 12-4-12 - Reflecting on this Past Sunday

1. Read Proverbs 18:22 and 1 Corinthians 7:25-28. How do these two passages of Scripture go together?
2. Why would the Apostle Paul want people to "remain as they are" if they are able? (1 Cor. 7:32-35)
3. How would one know if he or she has the gift of singleness? (1Cor.7:9)
4. Pray for marriages that you know are struggling and singles who you know.

Wednesday, 12-5-12 - Reflecting on this Past Sunday

1. Read Psalm 86:11 and 105:4. Why are these Scriptures important for those who are married or in any relationship?
2. Someone has said that marriage is two flawed people put together by a good God for His good purposes. Did you go into marriage knowing this truth? How prepared were you to be married? If you are single and plan to be married, how do you plan to be better prepared?
3. Pray for anyone the Lord brings to your mind.

Thursday, 12-6-12 - Preparing for this Upcoming Sunday

1. Read Philippians 2:1-11. Write out what truths you discover concerning marriage and relationships.
2. In what area do you need to personally grow so that you can honor Christ no matter what others near you are doing?

Friday, 12-7-12 - Preparing ourselves for This Sunday

1. Read Hebrews 13:4. Why is it important that "all" people honor the marriage covenant?
2. Do you believe our government should protect the definition of marriage being between a man and a woman? Why or why not?

Saturday, 12-8-12 - Preparing for Tomorrow

1. Read 1 John 1:9. Why is this truth so important for those who have failed in relationships and in marriage?
2. Pray for tomorrows worship together and for God's people to be ambassadors of Christ.