

Enjoying Physical and Spiritual Marriage

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1. **Partnership**

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Romans 8:17 - *And if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.*

2. **Procreation**

Genesis 1:28 Page #1

1 Tim. 1:2 - *To Timothy, my true child in the faith....*

2 Tim. 2:2 - *The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.*

Titus 2:3-5 - *Older women likewise are to be... teaching what is good, so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children...*

3. **Pleasure**

Genesis 26:8 Page #26

Song 2:4 - *"He has brought me to his banquet hall, And his banner over me is love.*

Psalms 37:4 - *Delight yourself in the Lord; He will give you the desires of your heart.*

4. **Purity**

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2 Corinthians 11:2 - *For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, so that to Christ I might present you as a pure virgin.*

5. **Provision**

Ephesians 5:25-30 Page #1173

1 Tim. 5:8 - *If anyone does not provide for his own, & especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.*

Proverbs 27:17 - *Iron sharpens iron, So one man sharpens another.*

1 Thes. 5:11 - *Encourage one another and build up one another....*

6. **Proclamation**

Colossians 1:4 - *Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love which you have for all the saints*

7. **Protection**

1 Peter 3:7 - *You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.*

Ephesians 4:3 - *Being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

Matthew 6:13 - *....deliver us from evil.*

FAMILY FAITH SHEET

Transformation Verse - *Call on Me in the day of trouble; I shall rescue you, and you will honor Me.* Psalm 50:15 (NASB) (CRefs.- Romans 10:13, 10:14, and 2 Tim 2:22)

Monday, 12-17-12 - Reflecting on Yesterday

1. Discuss Sunday's message with someone.
2. Of the seven reasons for marriage, which one(s) do you think is most misunderstood or not fully appreciated?
3. Pray for marriages that you know are struggling and for singles who might one day marry.

Tuesday, 12-18-12 - Reflecting on this Past Sunday

1. Read Proverbs 27:17. Discuss how you and your spouse are enhancing each other's spiritual growth or could do so (or your best friend if single).
2. What do you desire to be more of a focus concerning your spiritual walk together? Discuss why and how. (More prayer, less arguing, etc.)
3. How does marriage help break selfishness and self-reliance?
4. Why is John 3:30 so important in marriages, friendships, parenting, etc.?

Wednesday, 12-19-12 - Reflecting on this Past Sunday

1. Read The Song Of Solomon together if you are married. Discuss what God reveals to you. If you would prefer, read 1 Corinthians 7:1-16 and see what God reveals.
2. Pray for anyone the Lord brings to your mind.

Thursday, 12-20-12 - Preparing for this Upcoming Sunday

1. Read Isaiah 9:6-7. From this prophecy concerning the birth of Jesus write down the names and promises we can attribute to Him.
2. What do each of these names and promises mean to you personally?

Friday, 12-21-12 - Preparing Ourselves for this Sunday

1. Read Isaiah 7:14 and Matthew 1:22-23. Understanding the meaning of the title Immanuel (God with us), which was given to Jesus, how does this specific name (characteristic) impact your daily life?
2. What are some practical things we can do in our family to focus on this truth at this time of year when the world around us is so consumed with material thinking and busyness?

Saturday, 12-22-12 - Preparing for Tomorrow

1. Read the story of our Savior's birth with your family in Luke 1:26-35; 2:1-20. From these Scriptures and from the prophecies you read in Isaiah, what would you want to praise God for today?
2. Pray for the service tomorrow and for hearts to be awakened to the real miracle of Christmas.