

Marriage Matters

Jim Butcher; September 11, 2013



DISCUSSION POINTS:

Discussion Questions:

- ❖ Why does God place so much importance on the institution of marriage in scripture?
- ❖ What are some of the factors in today's society that work against a biblical marriage?
- ❖ Are you prepared to defend the "biblical definition of marriage" when you are confronted?
- ❖ Do you want your sons and grandsons to emulate you in their marriages? If not, why not?
- ❖ Do you believe it is important for your church to review its "statement of faith" and/or constitution as the culture challenges the biblical definition of marriage?

SUMMARY:

"Let marriage be held in honor (esteemed worthy; precious, of great price, and especially dear) in all things. And thus let the marriage bed be undefiled (kept undishonored); for God will judge and punish the unchaste (all guilty of sexual vice) and adulterous." Heb. 13:4

Marriage is God's idea. He created, designed and planned marriages and then initiated a plan to insure it would work. The plan is given to us in the Bible. It was HIS creative plan and He made it beautiful. It is man who has disfigured and marred it, but it need not be so. It takes three (3) persons to make a satisfying marriage. A husband, a wife and God. Marriage can be a beautiful, deeply gratifying fulfilling relationship. But, only because God is in it:

Men:

- ❖ Speak your love – tell her daily that you love her;
- ❖ Demonstrate your love by doing something nice for her; and
- ❖ Express your love by paying her a sincere compliment.

The dividends are outstanding! (Jack and Carole Mayhall)

APPLICATION:

- ❖ Pray daily for your own marriage and the marriages of your children and grandchildren.
- ❖ Make yourself available to counsel prospective or new husbands on the basics of being a Godly husband.
- ❖ Pray for the future mates of your children and grandchildren to be growing now in their walk with God.

ON YOUR OWN...

Please Read & Meditate On The Word:

Mark 10:7-8

Romans 1:26-27

I Corinthians 6:9

I Corinthians 7:2-3

Ephesians 5:31

NOTES: