

WELCOME TO THE
MARRIAGE COURSE

The Material in this Course is broken down into **4 MAIN SECTIONS**

SECTION I (3 Weeks) - God's Purpose For Marriage

You could have a perfectly working airplane sitting in your backyard. However, if you don't understand the purpose of an airplane and you think it's just a funny shaped car, then you will never fly! In fact, you'll spend most of your time grumbling that this car doesn't work very well. Until we understand God's Purpose for creating Marriage, we'll never fly.

SECTION II (4 Weeks) - The Role of the Wife

This is a very freeing section. It helps women to understand what makes a man tick and how she can get better responses from her husband with less effort.

SECTION III (5 Weeks) - The Role of the Husband

This helps the man understand basic needs in a woman. It's amazing how easy it is to get along with your wife when you know what's important to her.

SECTION IV (4 Weeks) - Miscellaneous

This covers a variety of topics like Sex, In-Laws, and Controlling Your Emotions.

HOW THIS COURSE WORKS

This course is designed to be done with a friend or another couple. We have discovered that very few married couples have the self-discipline to work through this material on their own.

However, if some friends are coming by once a week to talk over the discussion materials for each weeks lesson, it becomes very easy to stick to it, as well as being a very enjoyable social time.

In the front packet of this notebook you will find a booklet that explains our guidelines for friends taking this course together. If you are interested in having someone take this course with you, then please call your pastor or our church and ask for someone to talk to you about this possibility.

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WEEK # 1

MARRIAGE PT 1 FOUNDATIONS I GOD'S PURPOSE FOR MARRIAGE

Special Word to Single Adults

This series is the basis for our Pre-Marital Counseling for all engaged couples. Most of you have had a desire to be married. You don't just want to be married - you want a Wonderful marriage! The chances of success greatly depends on what you do now. This series applies to you more than the married couples.

List of Topics

Techniques of Communication / Basic Drives in A Woman / Basic Drives in a Man / Expectations vs Acceptance / Submission and Authority / In-Laws / Prioritize Time / How to Pray Together / Sexual Relationships / Generational Curses / Little Things

The reason I'm telling you all these topics we'll cover is because . . .

The First Topic we're going to cover today is _____ than all the topics combined. If you don't grasp the truth that I want to present to you today - everything else I will say is a waste of your time . . . you won't _____.

WHAT IS GOD'S PURPOSE FOR CREATING MARRIAGE?

Scriptures - Genesis 1:26-27, 2:7, 2:18, 2:19-25

Notice that God created marriage _____ there was sin in the world. Why is that so significant? What else is there that's in our society that would have been there in the Garden of Eden? Every other institution in our society is there because of sin --

Governments, laws & lawyers, police departments, hospitals & doctors, banks & money, schools, and even the church. There is just one thing in our society that God instituted before the fall, in a sinless, perfect world----_____.

The question is - "Why?". What was God's intention, his purpose, his plan, his idea for this thing we call marriage?

WEEK # 1 CON'T

Genesis 1:26 - "Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea. . . '".

I want to ask you a question from verse 26. The word "Man" can be used to represent 1) just the male species (singular sense), or 2) the male and the female species - "mankind" (plural sense). When God spoke this incredible statement – did he mean man in the singular sense or did he mean man in the plural sense?

Genesis 1:27 - "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God He created him; _____ he created them."

Genesis 2:7 - "The Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and the man became a living being."

Question: In Adam, was the image or the picture of God complete? _____.

Genesis 2:18 - "The Lord God said, 'It is not good. . . . '".

How is it possible for something to be Not Good in a Perfect world? Who said that something was not good? God! What could he mean by that? The phrase "Not Good" connotes "Bad, naughty, evil". What could God have meant by saying it is not good? God said "It is not good _____", meaning it is

_____.

(Genesis 1 Example). If you go on it says, "' . . . for the man to be alone' ". That exact same phrase "to be alone" is translated 16 times as the word _____.

The Concept I Want to Present To You

The Answer to the Question - "What is God's purpose for creating marriage?"

To _____.

Most of you have grown up thinking that you, by yourself, are the image of God. In a sense that is true, but the primary message of Genesis 1 and 2 is that God said, "Man and woman _____ present the picture of Me."

WEEK # 1 CON'T

That Explains A Lot of Things - men and women are really different . . .

- > > The deepest drive in a man is to _____.
(His aggressiveness and goal-oriented nature is birthed out of a deep drive in a man to be productive).
- > > The deepest drive in a woman is to _____.
(A woman's deepest desire is to have a secure, healthy, stable relationship with another human being).

If you put these two together, you begin to get a picture of God (Description).

Men are _____ oriented, women are _____ oriented.

God is the perfect blend of logic & emotions, strengthening each other.

Genesis 2:18 - Study the word _____ - "It is not good for man to be alone, I will make a helper suitable for him."

Genesis 2:20 - "...but for Adam no suitable helper was found". The Hebrew word there that is translated "Suitable" is the Hebrew word . . .

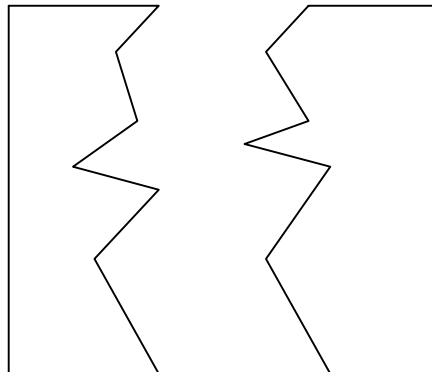
"NEGED"

"Suitable" could be one of two totally different things. . .

1 - a suit . . . a lot of people are looking for someone to suit them, to fit them like a glove, meet all their needs, etc.

2 - Neged means _____ , _____ ,

_____.



WEEK # 1 CON'T

In the Amplified Bible it says, "a helper suitable (_____ him)..."

A Couple of More Things About This Word -

> > Quote from Hebrew Dictionary - "Neged is _____
at the point of difference."

> > The root word that Neged comes from means to "
_____".

> > The definition of this root word means to _____ or make obvious or
conspicuous your _____. When you get right down
to it - that's what marriage does! The real you can't hide.

One More Point - this sentence is the MOST IMPORTANT SENTENCE I will say over the
next four months. The entire Success or Failure of your marriage swings on whether you
grasp this one sentence.

> > > THE APPLICATION OF THIS TRUTH < < <

Every Time I _____ with my mate,
_____ is trying to _____.

Ladies - _____! You will disagree billions of times! (Examples).

If you consider yourself a complete person in the image of God - then every time that person
disagrees with you it will be an Affront to you, a Negative, an Imposition, a Pain in the Neck!
Sometimes you'll win - most of the time you'll think you lost. It's always he won or she won.

If you consider yourself incomplete as far as God's picture - if you desire to know the living
God, if the deepest desire of your heart is to be made into His image, and you realize that at
every point where you disagree God is trying to speak to you -- then every disagreement will
become an _____. It will no longer be my way or your way, but you'll become a
triangle - it will be only one question, "What is God's way?". 99.9% of the time, God's way is
going to be her way and his way combined. Every time you disagree it's a chance to learn, but
you'll never listen unless you want to hear God. I know of no greater human joy than for a
husband and a wife to hear God _____. The real root question is - Will I enjoy
being with this person 20 years from now? Do you think you are a complete person or do you
desire to know the living God and have the two of you build a picture?

WEEK # 1 CON'T

MARRIAGE PT 1 FOUNDATIONS I
GOD'S PURPOSE FOR MARRIAGE

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

2 Important Preliminary Notes About Discussion Questions

- 1) Unless specified otherwise, we would like husband and wife to answer All questions.
- 2) If you are Engaged, we ask you to answer the questions . . .
 - For Yourselves as best as you can.
 - For Your Parents - it's important for engaged couples to know the picture of their Parents marriage.

- 1) Of the listing of all the topics we hope to cover in this course, which one sounded the most interesting to you and why? _____

- 2) How much did your parents walk in agreement? (In other words) How much did they refuse to make decisions until they had thoroughly talked it over with each other and both thought this was the best decision? _____

WEEK # 1 CON'T

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS CON'T

- 3) When you were first married, did you expect marriage to gloss over your weaknesses, enhance your strengths and make you look and feel good, _____

OR

Did you expect marriage to expose, make obvious and conspicuous your lacking parts?

- 4) Please list 3 major areas where you have disagreed with your mate. _____

- 5) Please list 3 minor areas where you have disagreed with your mate. _____

- 6) What is your emotional response to disagreements with your mate:
Do you look forward to them, enjoy them, and learn much from them? _____

OR

Do you resent them and feel imposed upon by them? _____

WEEK # 2

MARRIAGE PT 2 FOUNDATIONS II WHY YOU GOT MARRIED

Statement: God's purpose in creating marriage is - -

_____.

That statement is Building Block #1 in the Foundation we want to establish.
Today we're going to very carefully chisel out Building Block #2.

WHAT IS MY MAIN GOAL FOR THIS MARRIAGE?

Last Week - why did God create marriage?
This Week - what's My main goal for marriage?

It's a very deep question - a real thinking question . . . not an easy one to answer. Most of you wouldn't have an answer for that (Examples).

Let Me Phrase This Question A Different Way - Why did you get married? What was the deepest root motive for why you got married? Fair Warning - you're not going to like the answer to this question.

The Answer to the Question - "What is my main goal for marriage?"

To _____.

The Two Deepest Needs That Every Human Being Has

1) _____ and 2)

1) Security is the deepest need of your _____.

A Soul - the ability to think, feel, and choose. . .mind, will, and emotions is the soul. Are there beings that are not Human beings that have souls? (Examples). Every being that has a soul - the deepest need in your soul is for (Examples).

Biblical Background - examine the thousands of times the Bible talks about

Freedom From _____, because the Opposite of security is _____.

WEEK # 2 CON'T

2) Significance is the deepest need of your _____.

3 Scriptures (Blanks for Notes) - Hebrews 4:12, 1 Thes 5:23, Genesis 1:26

What Happened - God made all these creatures and lots of them have souls. Then God said - "I want to make this one Special creation - I want to stamp on him My Image. I am a Spirit-being, therefore I will create a spirit-being in mankind." Since we are created in the image of God, we have some of the same basic features in our being that God does. One of the basic features of the very nature of God is that God is _____. Because He is worthy, we are saying, "You have great worth and significance!" Because we are stamped in His image, deep within our being there's a cry that says -

"I want my life to have worth! I want meaning! I want significance!"

No animal ever sat around and pondered the meaning of life, but every human being that ever lived cried out for significance.

What I'm Telling You Today - every action you have ever taken in your marriage

you did to _____. (Examples).

Let Me Speak To . . .

CHRISTIANS

(Example of what people are thinking). Your deepest motive is to get your needs met, and I want to show it to you scripturally - -

Luke 9:24 - Jesus speaking: "Whoever wants to save his life will lose it but whoever loses his life for me will save it." That statement is repeated six times in the Gospels.

- > >Notice that Jesus is speaking to two people - the non-Christian first and then the Christian. In Both Cases the motive of the person is to _____ or to have their needs met.
- > >The Non-Christian - their life can be summed up by the fact that They think they know best how to get their needs met - therefore they have control of their lives to determine how best to get their needs met. And Jesus said the more you determine to control your needs, the _____ they'll actually be met. (Examples).

WEEK # 2 CON'T

> > The Christian - "Your deepest motive is to get your needs met - and the way to get your needs met is to _____. Give up your plans, your ideas, etc. - and ultimately every need will be met. "Everything you do, you do to get your needs met. The Difference between the Non-Christian and the Christian is simply the Method by which they achieve it -

- The Non-Christian thinks, "I do it myself, I control the situation."
- The Christian says, "I loose it to You Lord Jesus, You will meet my needs."

Scriptures (Blanks for Notes) - John 12:26, Col 3:24, Heb 11:6

The bottom line is that if you didn't believe that Jesus Christ would meet your needs, you _____ . And in fact, the reason that your whole life has such incredible fountains of joy is because one of the things you sing is. . .

"He is Faithful to His Word -- He has Met my Every Need!"

Let Me Speak To . . .

NON-CHRISTIANS

What is the answer that a non-Christian would give to the question, "What is my goal in this marriage?" "To get my needs met". But there is a little twist -

In a Specific way, when you ask a Non-Christian the answer is -

"I want _____ to meet my needs."

If you're a Non-Christian listening to this tape, it may be that the reason you're listening to this tape is because they haven't met your needs - they've let you down. The more you strived for this marriage to work, the worse it became. (Example of Wedding Vows).

The Essence of the Non-Christian's life is a driving search to get their needs met. More than any other place, they look for it in their mate. (Example of Businesses).

If you're a Non-Christian listening to these words this day, the whole issue is not your marriage. The whole issue is that the living God of the universe through your marriage is calling you and sending you a message. . .

> > > No _____ can _____ meet your needs. < < <
> > > In fact, no _____ can meet your needs. < < <

WEEK # 2 CON'T

If You've got Religion - don't hold that up to me. I'll tell you this - if you are looking for people and things to meet your needs, then you don't understand Christianity.

The Essence of Christianity is to say . . .

"I have these deep craving needs and I have discovered that NO person or thing can meet them and I lay them down. The essence of my life now is a _____ with the living Lord Jesus Christ."

Call it born again. . .

. . . call it regenerated . . .

. . . call it saved . . .

. . . call it what you want . . .

That's what Christianity is!

And that's where every marriage starts.

WEEK # 2 CON'T

MARRIAGE PT 2 FOUNDATIONS II

WHY YOU GOT MARRIED

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1) What things in your life bring you "security"? (Or to ask it another way) What things, if taken from your life, would make you insecure? _____

2) What areas of your life make you feel "significant" or give your life worth & meaning?

3) Do you put more time and energy into: (a) areas that bring you security, or (b) areas that bring you significance? _____

4) If your motive in obeying God is ultimately so that your life will have security and significance, is that a bad thing? _____

WEEK # 2 CON'T

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS CON'T

5) Do you see that Satan's goal is always to convince you that if you obey God it will not bring you security or significance? From the Garden of Eden on, Satan has tried to convince mankind that obeying God is hard and meaningless and fruitless, and that obeying Satan is fulfilling and rewarding. Is this clear to you? _____

6) Have you reached the point in your life where you have realized that it is impossible for your marriage partner to meet your needs for security and significance? _____

7) Have you reached the point in your spiritual life where you realize that the Living God, through Jesus Christ, can meet every one of your needs for security and significance if you lose yourself in Him? _____

WEEK # 3

MARRIAGE PT 3 FOUNDATIONS III TECHNIQUES OF COMMUNICATION

Foundation for a Scriptural Perspective on Marriage

1 - God's Purpose For Creating Marriage - to complete our picture of God.

2 - Before Your Marriage Can Have Hope - you must realize that this person that you're married to can Never meet your needs. Only when your desire for your needs is turned only to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ can your marriage have hope.

Really, people who understand that are called _____! "Why do they have such a zeal for God's will in their marriage?" They're smart people! "If I do this marriage God's way, it'll be a great marriage because Only God can meet my needs!"

Today we want to Complete the foundation with One Major Heading -

THE SCRIPTURAL PLAN FOR A **WONDERFUL** MARRIAGE

Is to _____ through
_____ with my mate.

Genesis 2:24 - "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be _____ to his wife, and they will become one flesh."

The Capstone of all that the Bible has to say about the subject of marriage. You cannot study biblically the subject of marriage without intensely studying this one verse. This verse is Repeated in the Bible more than any other verse in the Bible. One very well known five word phrase - "The _____ shall become _____".

Scriptures (Blanks for Notes) - Malachi 2:13-15, Matthew 19:4-6, Mark 10:6-9, Eph 5:13

WEEK # 3 CON'T

The Whole Picture of how God says to have a Wonderful Marriage

"The Two shall become One"

In your life, you will make thousands of decisions. If you are married, every time you make a decision, God has a question for you - it doesn't matter what the area is.
(Some Examples - Business, Godly Children, Finances, Fulfillment)

If You Really Want These Things

Then _____ to walk in _____ with your mate.

When you're single, God covenants with you that he'll be a mate to you. He covenants to fulfill every need you could have. But the minute you become married, God says, "I will not fulfill your needs unless you let me fulfill them through agreement with your mate."

What I Mean When I Say "Complete Agreement"

The Bible says we are 3-Part Beings - spirit, soul and body. If you're going to be one - husband and wife - then you have to be in agreement spirit, soul and body.

Agreement - includes your _____, _____, and _____.

Example - if a man and woman are in agreement about a certain decision.

The Reason This Is So Important - Every man has the ability to _____
_____. (Example). Until our emotions are in agreement, we've not heard from God and we're not in agreement. If I will get my focus off what I want and onto "God I want to hear your voice" and back off and just say "Tell me why", do you know what'll always happen? There's some point of logic that I missed.

Other Times - both of us think that logically that's the way to go and both of us want to go that way - but our spirits don't feel right. We can agree logically and emotionally but until we get a witness from God, we've not heard from God and we're not in agreement because we're 3-part beings.

WEEK # 3 CON'T

Genesis 2:24-25

1) **"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united"**

The phrase "be united" literally means the "continual _____ of unity". Who is it that continually pursues unity? The _____. Every woman will always be willing to come to agreement with their mate. But God says, "Men, you lead the way!"

2) **"The man and his wife were both naked. . ."**

When a husband and wife grasp this, emotional _____ is so easy.

The Minute you lose this vision, the minute your agenda is no longer "hear God's voice through agreement" but it's "My way" or "Your way", the first thing you do is you start _____. You lose that openness - you can feel it.

3) **". . .and they felt no shame. . ."**

The Hebrew word that's translated shame is also translated _____. When your vision is "God, we want to hear your voice through agreement with my mate", there is such a clearheadedness that comes over your marriage. "They were naked and had no confusion." The minute you lose that vision, confusion comes in. The First Thing Satan will confuse you about is who your _____ is.

Do you personally have an enemy? Is there someone who hates every cell of your being? Is there someone who with all his being wants to destroy you? Is there someone who hates even the remotest possibility of you having a relationship with God? Is there someone who wants to destroy your marriage?

What's his name? _____

When you're walking together, you're clearheaded and you say, "We have an enemy!"

The minute you lose that, who becomes your enemy? _____

WEEK # 3 CON'T

Matthew 5:25-26 - (KJV) "Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge . . ."

- > When you refuse to walk in agreement with your mate, who becomes your adversary?
Your _____. Who is the judge? _____. Who is the jailer? _____.
- > The Point Is This - when you refuse to walk in agreement with your mate, God the judge throws you into a prison of _____. To refuse to recognize God speaking through your mate, is to refuse to recognize _____. And when you shut out God, God says, "I remove my covering from that person. Satan you may have him."
- > You May Say - "I don't want to hear this, I don't want to work things out, etc". The One Thing you can't ignore is the Lack of Joy in your life.
- > Verse 26 - you shut your mate out, and Satan is given permission to wring Every Ounce of Misery into your life as he possibly can. This is Always true!

HOW TO COME TO AGREEMENT

The 4 steps are Awesome Techniques for Communication in Any Setting.

Step # 1 - The word _____.

- a) It pins you down to the key point.
- b) It makes you stay positive.
- c) It makes you focus on solutions.

Step # 2 - _____ is this your preference?

- a) Weight of preference.
- b) Multiple choice. (2nd and 3rd preferences)

Step # 3 - Go to your _____.

- a) 1st Covering is the Spirit of God and the Word of God
- b) 2nd Covering is pastoral covering - Home Group leader, Pastor, etc.

Step # 4 - Agree for the husband to say " _____ _____ _____".

3 Important words in that sentence:

- a) Husband - the head. God holds him accountable.
- b) Agree - wife says, "Please just set a direction."
- c) Try - sometimes you won't hear from God until you start walking.

WEEK # 3 CON'T

MARRIAGE PT 3 FOUNDATIONS III
TECHNIQUES OF COMMUNICATION

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1) In your marriage, how often does the husband Overpower the wife in decisions?

2) Have you ever lost sight of Satan as your enemy and thought your mate was your enemy? _____

3) Name at least one instance where you and your mate worked hard to come to agreement in spirit, mind, and emotions and the result was tremendous joy.

4) How much did your Parents make decisions by coming to agreement in spirit, soul, and body? _____

WEEK # 3 CON'T

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS CON'T

5) Would you be willing to take 2 or 3 tough areas in your marriage and work through the 4 steps until you come to agreement? _____

6) If yes to # 5, please list the areas you would like to tackle. (**NOTE** - please remember that this process sometimes takes Months.) _____

WEEK # 4

MARRIAGE PT 4 ROLE OF WIFE I 3 THINGS EVERY HUSBAND HATES

REVIEW

1 - God's Purpose in Creating Marriage is to Complete our Picture of God.

2 - Therefore, every time I Disagree with my mate, God is trying to speak to me.

3 - The Scriptural Plan for a Wonderful Marriage is to Hear God's Voice through Agreement with my mate.

Those three statements are the Biblical Foundation that we have now established over the first three weeks of a wonderful, wonderful marriage through the scriptures. Today we're moving on from the foundation - we're going to begin building some of the pillars that make up the structure of the house that you call your marriage through Jesus Christ. Today, the First Pillar we're going to build - we're going to be speaking specifically to the Wives.

THE ROLE OF THE WIFE IN THE MARRIAGE

Words To The Men - How you respond will have a Tremendous Effect on your wife. If you go home and say "I told you so", you have become a tool of Satan to Hinder the Holy Spirit's ability to change your wife and to minister to your wife and to move in the life of your wife. Here are a couple of things to consider -

- > Your Turn is coming up in a few weeks!
- > See the whole scenario of how the Holy Spirit sees it. What I'm going to give you is a Concentrated Form of what the Spirit of God wants to incorporate into your wife's life over the next _____. The Holy Spirit of God is saying - "This area and a little bit of this area . . .". Men, if you want to flow with the Holy Spirit, plan right now to go home and encourage your wife.
- > You will hit a point where Conviction has come on your wife. She'll say, "I do terrible in that area." You'll say, "Yeah, you do!" But the Difference between conviction and condemnation may be in what you do Next. Say "I love you so much" and remember to say to her "I am so _____ of you." A woman of God is one who is Humble and wants God to work in her life.

WEEK # 4 CON'T

Scriptures - Proverbs 14:1, 21:9, 19, 25:24

There's a clear message in these last 3 verses - how a man _____ to his wife. How does he respond? He withdraws and begins to _____ of his life. For centuries, women have complained - "Why does this man shut me out? Why won't he communicate with me?" With sincere confusion, they don't understand.

In their heart they really desire to Build their house. But I want you to notice that Prov 14:1 does not say that it's the heart, it's the _____. The word "Foolish" means _____. You can have a heart where you want to build up your marriage, but if you are ignorant of the Word of God then you'll read psychology magazines, etc. and never know that the Bible lays it out as clear as a bell!

What can be so sad is to have a woman whose heart is to be building her marriage but through ignorance (foolishness) she takes her own hands and Tears Down her marriage and watches as her husband draws further and further away from her.

> > > 3 THINGS EVERY HUSBAND HATES < < <

1 TO BE

a) _____ - a Command. Every time you ever speak an imperative statement to your husband, he will _____ you for it. (Examples of what men do). Most Men punish their wives by shutting them out. Ladies, if you think, "Just for that? Such a little thing?" It's Not a little thing to him! You may ask - "But he's a Christian! Shouldn't he just drop it?" God will not give a husband the grace to drop it. He'll give him the grace to deal with it in a godly manner, or he may deal with it in an ungodly manner.

1 Timothy 2:12 - (the Greek words for "man" and "woman" are the same words for "husband" and "wife"). "I never permit a wife to boss her husband." Ladies, you can resent that and fight it because you think it's a putdown, or you can accept that and build your house. The godlier he gets, the _____ that gets.

Ephesians 5:22-23 - the husband is the Head. Let me tell you what being the head does Not mean -

- 1) That he's superior.
- 2) That he's the dictator and the only one who can make decisions.
- 3) That he can go around bossing you all the time.

Because he is the head, he is the _____ - he bears chief responsibility before God for his family. (Explanation of the male half of God's nature). A man is especially sensitive to being _____.

WEEK # 4 CON'T

- b) _____ or _____ tone - being cutting, sarcastic, public put-downs, harshness - Anything where that man would say "That was not respectful" - you'll pay for it. Same scenario - he will Punish you.

Ephesians 5:33 - the issue of submission can be taken out of balance both ways, but the Bible defines it - the root of submission is _____.

- c) _____

The 2nd Thing - this is what I call the _____ point. Nearly every man knows that he hates to be pushed. This 2nd point causes almost as strong of a reaction in a man as the 1st point, but most men are not aware that that's what bugging them. . .

2 FOR THEIR WIVES TO BE _____ AND

- a) 1 Cor. 11:7 - the word "glory" literally means _____.

- b) 2 Questions

1) Is it Possible for a husband to be tense and uptight and the wife have nothing to do with it? _____.

2) Is it Possible for the wife to be torn up, anxious, etc. and the husband to be totally pleasing to God, etc.? _____ because the husband's the head.

- c) Your Wife's Demeanor - is a public statement of what kind of husband you are. For a wife to be tense and uptight is a _____ of her husband. Men - if you feel like you can't help her what's the 1st reaction in your heart? Your heart turns and walks right out of the room. Ladies - if you could grasp the magnitude of this! Men Hate It!

(Example of John & Beth's Marriage).

- d) There Are Only 2 Choices -

1) Either I'm going to _____, or

2) We are going to _____.

- e) Proverbs 12:4 - do you wear a crown to bed? When do you put the crown on? When you're about to go _____.

WEEK # 4 CON'T

3 FOR HIS WIFE TO _____ IN _____

THE CHILDREN

- a) If a husband and wife Disagree and the husband says "We should have a higher standard of dealing with those kids" and the wife says "We don't need to be that tough on them", 99% of the time who's right? The _____.
- > > > To be a godly parent you have giftings and trainings.
- > > > The gifting is in the man - he has 10 times the ability to sense rebellion.
- b) If a wife says, "These children need more nurturing and affirmation" and the husband says, "No they don't need so much", 99% of the time who's right? _____. But if the child needs nurturing And discipline, which comes first? _____. The Bible says you start with discipline if you love your child.
- c) Many times a wife will say, "If you think we need to raise the standard of discipline, that's okay - You can do that!" Ladies, that's rebellion and resistance. Not until you have said in your heart - "Husband what's the standard? I'm going to walk _____ it! I'm going to be More consistent!" - he'll never be in agreement with you and he'll never listen to you!

The Wise Woman Says - "I want to build my house". You know what happens when you build a house? You take one piece of wood and join it with another and the two become stronger than each one would have been.

WEEK # 4 CON'T
MARRIAGE PT 4 ROLE OF WIFE I
3 THINGS EVERY HUSBAND HATES

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Important Guidelines to Follow After EACH Question

- # 1 - Please Stop and have the wife ask forgiveness, if needed.
- # 2 - Have the husband say out loud - "I forgive you".
- # 3 - Have the husband Pray for his wife.

- 1) How often in your marriage does the wife give Imperative Statements (Commands) to the husband? Please give examples. _____

- 2) How often in your marriage does the wife get Tense and Uptight? Please give examples.

- 3) How often in your marriage does the wife Resist the husband in Disciplining the kids? Please give examples. _____

WEEK # 5

MARRIAGE PT 5 ROLE OF WIFE II A MAN'S NEED FOR RESPECT

NOTE ABOUT THE NEXT TWO SERMONS

The next two sermons in the Marriage Course are expanded and revised versions of sermons from the original series.

>> Comments About the Body as a Whole <<

The misinformation that's taught in marriage across the body of Christ is so overwhelming to me that it borders on major deception. I ask you to have two attitudes as we approach this:

1 - To _____ the Word of God.

2 - You are a _____ unto God. You have to hear in your spirit the truth and it must bear fruit in your life.

>> Section I - God Describes the Consequences of Sin <<

Genesis 3:16 - it says two things:

1 - "To the woman He said, 'I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing, and with pain you will give birth to children'". That's the first consequence, the **least** of the two.

2 - The **worst** and **horrible** consequence. "Your _____ will be for your husband and he will _____ over you".

⇒ **Desire** = "Tesh-oo-aw" - it means a stretching out after, a longing, a desire.

⇒ Before sin, _____ Adam and Eve had 'tesh-oo-aw'. They had a longing for oneness, for completion, for partnership in God.

⇒ The only verse in the Bible that anyone could ever preach on if you want the foundation of marriage is "The two shall become one".

⇒ God says here's the result: "You, Eve, will still have 'tesh-oo-aw' but your husband will no longer have a longing for oneness with you."

⇒ **Rule** = "Maw-shal" - Hebrews recognized this word. In the Hebrew, there are eight different words for rule, and the _____ is the word "maw-shal". (Example of conquering armies). In English it's hard to find a word as vicious and harsh as 'maw-shal'.

⇒ It would have been bad enough for the man's desire to go from 'tesh-oo-aw' to 'maw-shal', but it was worse because she kept her 'tesh-oo-aw'. She kept that but he lost it all. It allows you to understand human history and the oppression of women.

WEEK # 5 CON'T

- ⇒ 'Tesh-oo-aw' is only used three times in the Bible. 'Maw-shal' is only used with 'tesh-oo-aw' one other time.
- ⇒ **Genesis 4:6** - (illustration of battle against sin).

>> Section II - The Condition of Women Because of the Sin of Eve <<

Genesis 3:16 Contrasted to Genesis 2:20-24

- # 1 - Genesis 3:16 - "Suitable helper" = "Neged", a _____ partner.
- # 2 - Genesis 2:20-24 - "The two will become one".
- # 3 - Genesis 5:1-2 - "When God created man, he made him (man) in the likeness of God. He created _____, male and female and blessed _____ and when they were created he called them _____."
- # 4 - Man is the perfect partnership unity of a husband and wife. This is the horror of what sin did to God's original image.

>> Section III - The Promise to Women <<

The Song of Solomon is a prophetic book about _____.

It's a picture of Messiah with the Bride of Christ and what husbands and wives will look like.

The only other time 'tesh-oo-aw' is used in all the Bible is right here:

*** **Song of Solomon 7:10** The Bride prophesies that there's going to come a day when my husband's 'tesh-oo-aw' ... his desire for me ... will be _____ to him. "I belong to my lover and his desire is for me". The Bible says that when Jesus Christ was nailed to the cross, the 'maw-shal' was nailed to the cross - the harsh, dictatorial attitude that cursed and fallen man fell into. In the resurrection of Jesus Christ is a promise to women that those men who give their lives to Christ have restored to them a 'tesh-oo-aw' that says "I long to be one with my wife."

Other Major Passages - where the Bible says, "Do you want to know God's plan?" Any person who teaches on marriage without establishing that God's plan is that the two become one has lost the concept of the Bible. (Jesus' Comments on Marriage).

>> Genesis 2:24 / Malachi 2:15 / Matthew 19:5 / 1 Corinthians 6:16 / Ephesians 5:33 <<

WEEK # 5 CON'T

Just to show you how obvious this is, here are a few more scriptures to show you that in the New Testament God's plan is total partnership.

1 - I Corinthians 7:4 - the wife's body does not belong to her alone but also to her husband. In the _____, the husband's body does not belong to him alone but also to his wife. Most of the men, when they say that, what are they thinking about? _____. Do you know what the ladies are thinking about when they say that? _____! Here's where you've got to decide if you're going to honor the Word of God.

2 - I Corinthians 7:33 - a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world - how he can _____ his wife.

3 - I Corinthians 7:34 - a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world - how she can _____ her husband.

This promise of marriages being restored is a _____ promise. The Body of Christ is growing into the truth of this.

The Horror of Teaching This Wrong is two horrors:

1 - If you teach a truth wrong there's the deception that you added.

2 - There's a great _____ that they _____.

>> Section IV - New Testament Mandate to Women <<

If we're going to honor the Word of God, we cannot avoid the fact that every major passage in the New Testament that speaks to marriage uses one big word when it's talking to women and that word is:

_____!

>> Colossians 3:18 / Ephesians 5:22-24 / I Timothy 2:12 / Titus 2:5 / I Peter 3:1,5,6 <<

The mandate to women to submit to your husbands does **NOT** ever mean that he has freedom to _____.

In any humble study of the Word of God, you would notice that whenever it talks about husbands and wives it then goes on to children and uses a totally different word. It says "Wives submit to your husbands", "Children _____".

The word "submit" is a word that means "a _____ commitment of _____".

>> Illustration of husband's attitude toward a pastor <<

WEEK # 5 CON'T

The Bible gives a really strong word to women:

Submit.

The Bible gives a really strong word to men:

Serve.

The Bible says neither have freedom to make a decision:

The Two Must Become One.

The Heart and Soul of this Mandate is Teach Women about a Man's Need for _____.

>> Section V - Respect <<

The longest passage in the New Testament on marriage is Ephesians 5:21-33, which starts with "Submit one to _____". It ends with "A wife must _____ her husband."

A. The Communication Blockage

- For a **Woman** - respect is _____ passions in your life. This is why, when there's issues between a husband and wife, she sees four or five major issues. He says there's **one** issue. The Word of God is commanding ladies to understand the soul of a man.
- For a **Man** - respect is _____ of his **entire identity**. (Examples of a man's need for respect).

Because deception is taught, women feel like they're sub-human. When you take away her sense of partnership, the only thing left for her is to _____ with her tongue. It becomes a vicious cycle. Her partnership is stolen so she starts griping. The more she gripes, the more he moves back to 'maw-shawl', the more 'maw-shawl' he becomes the more she gripes.

B. Shows In His Attitude Toward

- His _____.
- _____ praise or put downs.
For most women because they're relational, they value _____ praise more than public praise. On the other side, men think "You praise me in the house alone but you don't care enough about me to praise me where it's really important."

C. Disrespect is Defined by _____

D. If You Repeat the Sin of Eve

Your husband goes from 'tash-oo-aw' to 'maw-shal'. For a man, there is no middle ground between _____ and _____. For women, they have complex relationships where they hate the person and they're their friend. When a wife is disrespectful, she becomes the _____. The minute she crosses that line, it becomes a battle.

WEEK # 5 CON'T

>> One Other Aspect of This <<

Most marriage have no problem with this, especially Christian homes. Most men won't put up with disrespect. Godly men just walk away. (Example of Marriage with Different Personalities).

If you have an 'S' husband, he's the most compliant of all the gifts and the least 'maw-shal'. Then you have a woman raised by a harsh father and sarcastic family. She marries him because he's so peaceful but brings her tongue with her. She crosses that line early on and he backs off.

With one time of putting your husband down in public, you can do a hundred acts of service and you still haven't dug out of the hole. His soul gets closed to her and she hates herself.

E. The Solution to the Sin Habit of Disrespect

Seek _____. **Verse** - _____. God does not want to **make** you obey. The Bible says to women who disrespect - "Don't wait until he _____ apologize."

Here are **Four Things to Say to Him**

1 - "I _____ when I ask this way."

2 - "I _____ the _____ of a husband who does _____ me to be disrespectful."

3 - "Please _____ immediately and _____ to _____ with me until I _____."

4 - "_____ is important enough for me to use a _____ of voice."

>> He will go from your adversary to your best friend. <<

WEEK # 5 CON'T

MARRIAGE PT 5 ROLE OF WIFE II A MAN'S NEED FOR RESPECT

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) In your marriage, on a scale of 1 - 100 with 1 being “not at all” and 100 being “all the time”, how much does the wife show **respect** for the husband? (Husband and wife **both** give your answer).

- 2) (This question for **Wives Only**) What is your reaction to the word ‘submit’? How has your concept of how this word applies in marriage changed during this sermon?

- 3) How much does the husband in this marriage **require** respect from the wife?

- 4) In light of this sermon, in what areas of your marriage do you need to **repent**?

WEEK # 6

MARRIAGE PT 6 ROLE OF WIFE III WHAT TO DO IF HE'S OUT OF GOD'S WILL

TWO MAJOR QUESTIONS That Sum Up This Point

1 - **Asked Two Different Ways**

Who makes the _____ in the Home? **Key Word:** _____.
Does the Husband as the Head Have the _____ to Make Decisions? _____!

Like it or not, it is a brilliant system! The complexities of male and female is the humorous heart of God saying, "Through all this, you're going to get to know me". I want to give you three huge rivers of scripture.

A - **The Warning of Genesis 3:16** - "mawshal" = "_____ spirit".

B - **The Dominance of Genesis 2:24** - the two shall become _____.

C - **The Command to the Husband to Serve** - *Ephesians 5:21, 5:25, Matthew 20:25-27, 23:11,12, Mark 9:33-37, II Corinthians 1:24, I Peter 5:2,3*

2 - **What Does It Mean For The Husband to be the Head?** - it means he is

_____. It means you answer to God for **your** attitude and _____ attitude. You answer to God for the _____ of your marriage.

When God looks to the woman He says, "I'm talking to you about **you!**"

When God looks at the man He says, "I'm talking to you about **both** of you!"

Within his areas of responsibility, there **is** an authority, but that authority is **only** in the area of responsibility! The man has three very clear responsibilities:

A - To Lead in _____

B - To Require _____ (A comes before B!) (Story of Bob and Bertha).
Three attitudes you can require:

i. _____ - the biggest of all in a marriage. This is when you can argue **her** side until she's pleased, and then you can require the same level of humility from your wife.

ii. _____

iii. _____ (Story of John and Beth)

C - To Bring to _____

WEEK # 6 CON'T

Between the man and the woman, which of the two naturally is passionate to be soulmates?

The woman!

Who is it God gave the job to? The man!

Men operate well on direct orders! They say, "OK! There's a job to do. Bring us to agreement". The **mercy** point is she _____. I can tell when a man is **serious** about agreement when he **really** talks through things, **really** hears his wife's side, talks and prays, **and** when a man will _____.

What does God Want a Wife to Do When a Husband Bullies His Way to Decisions Without Working for Agreement?

Answer: Do what's _____ for him.

1 - Disagree but give him Freedom to _____.

A - "A man's ears work best when his face hits the concrete".

B - **Recommended Reading**: Boundaries in Marriage by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend)

C - **Scary Line You Can Say**: "I could be wrong and you seem determined to go this direction, even though it's not my preference; so I'll support you and if you are wrong the LORD will correct you."

That is **one** option. You are a daughter of the God of the universe. He sent His son to die just for you. You are complete in Him. You will **never** come under the **total** authority of any human being because you belong to God.

2 - Say the word he needs to hear: _____! (Rarely) 1st Corinthians 13:4 says "Love is kind". That word "kind" means "to perceive the person's need." Sometimes he needs freedom to fail, but sometimes his bully spirit is going to bring such destruction that you say, "I'm going to do what's best for you – NO!"

Three Attitude Checks

1 - Have you told him _____?

2 - Are you _____?

3 - Are you generally _____, _____, and _____?

Men are very simple creatures! If we do something it's because we think there's a reward! If there's no reward we don't do it! When a wife asks her husband to change, if he does it he says, "Do I get rewarded now?" Pick and choose your praises. "You're so sweet" doesn't work for men.

There's **one compliment** that causes men's chest size to increase three inches:

"I'm so _____ of you!"

If you're smart, say it in public in front of his buddies!

WEEK # 6 CON'T
MARRIAGE PT 6 ROLE OF WIFE III
WHAT TO DO IF HE'S OUT OF GOD'S WILL
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) Based on what you've heard in this teaching, who should make the decisions in the home, and why? _____

- 2) (This question for **Wives Only**) How would you rate your husband in the three areas of responsibility described in this teaching? _____

- 3) (This question for **Wives Only**) How do you handle it when your husband bullies his way to decisions without working for agreement? How might you change your approach in light of this teaching? _____

WEEK # 7

MARRIAGE PT 7 ROLE OF WIFE IV HELP! I'M MARRIED TO AN UNSAVED MAN

NOTE ABOUT THIS SERMON

This sermon in the Marriage Course comes from our Bible Survey series. It was added to the Marriage Course because the truths presented are highly relevant to marriages and aren't covered anywhere else in the course.

Today we arrive at a very **shocking** passage of scripture. Ezra ends with a **group divorce** led by the priest of God of 111 men who divorce their wives and kids. Ezra is probably the most major passage in the Bible except 1st Corinthians 7, which was written to explain how this passage in Ezra is to be lived out in the New Testament.

Scriptures: Ezra 9:1-5, 10:1-4, 16, 17

There's a reason why you've never heard a sermon on this passage. We live in a society that is terrified of the fragmentation of the family. Fear causes extreme reactions.

The Lesson of Ezra 9 and 10 - The covenant of _____ is _____ the covenant of _____.

>> Comparison with what Jesus said in the N.T. <<
>> Comparison of O.T. and N.T. <<

This Passage in Ezra Helps us to See the Whole Picture of I Corinthians 7

>> **I Cor 7:12-14** - if you're a Christian man and you have a wife that's not a Christian and she's willing to live with you, he _____ divorce her. (Same for Christian women).

>> **Confusion: God wants the Believing mate to _____ the Unbelieving mate.**

>> **Truth: God wants the Believing mate to _____ the Unbelieving mate.**

There was an attitude because of Ezra: if they're not saved, divorce them. Paul says, no, if they're not saved, don't divorce them. **Lead** them to Christ. (Description of Leadership Dynamics). The leadership dynamic that dominates them all: the child of God should lead the child of the devil!

WEEK # 7 CON'T

- >> **Verse 14: "Sanctified" = "Hagiazo"** - it means to _____ away from the filth of the world toward God. It actually has two meanings: _____ first, then _____.
This can mean a lot of things. I am not talking about being bossy, abrasive, etc. None of those have anything to do with leadership. If you're the child of God, you are the leader in the home by the Word of God and you set the direction! (Examples of Marriage Situations)
- >> **The rest of Verse 14** - if you won't do it for yourself, do it for your _____. Key phrase: _____ influence. Not little things, the big things.
- >> **Verse 15** - if you want to have a great marriage, say to your mate how much you love them, but that your love for Jesus is billions of times more important. Two word phrase: _____ in a _____. If the unbeliever refuses to come along and says they'll leave you, smile and say "don't let the door hit you on the way out".
- >> **Verse 16** - how do you know if you will save your husband / wife? How do you know if you will _____ them to the Lord? Men aren't won by words, but actions. Say it once and do it.
- >> **Verse 10-11** - "you must not do this" but _____. Single word: _____.
(Examples of Situations With Unsaved Men).

This Passage in Ezra Helps Us to Ask the Right Questions of Those Who Have Experienced Multiple Divorces and Marriages

- >> **Have You Repented of the _____ Sin?** - if you've been divorced, your sin was first against _____. The truth is the reason a lot of you divorced is you didn't love God enough to _____. Some of you married someone to _____ them. (Examples).

WEEK # 7 CON'T

MARRIAGE PT 7 ROLE OF WIFE IV HELP! I'M MARRIED TO AN UNSAVED MAN

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) What has your attitude on divorce been in the past? What new things did you learn in this sermon? _____

- 2) "God wants the believing mate to **lead** the unbelieving mate." What is your reaction to this statement? _____

- 3) (For Those Who've Experience Divorce) Have you repented of the **original** sin? Are you willing for God to deal with you on this issue? _____

- 4) (For Those Married to Unsaved Mates) What adjustments are God calling you to make in your marriage in light of this sermon? _____

WEEK # 8

MARRIAGE PT 8 ROLE OF HUSBAND I 2 BASIC FACTS ABOUT HUSBANDS

Admonition to the Ladies - the Lord is calling you to Deep and Serious Intercession and Spiritual Warfare for the next few weeks. Men are very Strong - not just physical strength but a natural strength in their spirit.

- > When a man chooses to turn away from the Lord and to close his heart to anything that the Lord is trying to say to him, there's almost nothing human that can be done to pry those doors open.
- > On the other hand - when a man chooses to open his heart to the Lord and say "I will be humble, correctable, teachable etc.", there's an incredible strength that's let go into the hands of God and a power that can come forth through that man that terrifies the kingdom of hell.

The Difference between whether these men shut me out and shut out the Lord or whether they come in here determined to let the Word of God cleanse them and transform them may well depend on how well the battle is fought in the _____.

THE ROLE OF THE HUSBAND IN THE MARRIAGE

Scripture - Ephesians 5:25-33

2 BASIC BIBLE FACTS ABOUT HUSBANDS

FACT # 1 - The answer to the question
"_____?"

The Bible very clearly and very easily answers that question! The word "good" is derived from the word "_____." 2 Questions to Ask Yourself -

1 - Does your wife _____?

- > 1 Corinthians 11:7 - the wife is the glory (_____) of the husband.
- > Ephesians 5:27 - Christ made his church _____. The reason this is so important is because it is Never OK for the husband to separate himself from the expression on his wife's face. It's never okay for a husband to say "The reason she's such a grouch has nothing to do with me!, etc."

WEEK # 8 CON'T

2 - Ask your Wife this question - "How much is your husband a _____ to you?"

> Mark 9:35, 10:42-45 (Blanks for Notes) -

Questions

> Does the Bible clearly establish that the husband is the head of the home? _____.

> Does the Bible also clearly establish what headship means in the kingdom of God? _____. Is it clear? - Yes. Is there any doubt? - No.

> What does headship mean in one word? _____.

> Who set the pattern for servanthood? _____.

> Who represents Jesus in the marriage relationship? The _____.

> The Bottom Line is - your whole calling is not to be the boss, your whole calling is to be the _____.

> The 1st Question doesn't always expose the situation. Sometimes a wife will glow _____ her husband. The 2nd Question is also necessary. (Examples of what to ask the wife).

One More Angle

> Ephesians 5:28-29 - an unusual word picture. The husband is as the literal head, the wife is as the literal body. The reason that's kind of hard is because our body and head are so much in _____ we can't hardly think of them as two separate things. What a beautiful word picture.

> Questions - Let's say your head and body work together to make 10,000 decisions in a day. How many of them would you say that the Only reason for that decision was that the head wanted to do whatever would _____ the _____? I'd say half! (Examples). What about the other half? - things you're doing because you're supposed to. Even in those, how many of those is one of the most primary considerations "What would comfort and please the body?" 4,995 of them!

> Men if you really want to be scriptural, of 10,000 decisions, in 9,995 of them you should be consumed with - "What would make you _____ sweetheart?"

WEEK # 8 CON'T

FACT # 2 - Husbands have _____ Authority from God

OR

You only have as much authority from God
as you are a _____ to your wife.

I want you to understand why this is such an important point. When only Part of the Bible is taught on a point, you get a very warped perspective on what the Bible says. One person I know defines heresy as "Truth _____."

Across the body of Christ there is a very warped, twisted perspective that many Christians have on marriage. The basic picture that a lot of Christians have about marriage is - "The Bible basically says that the husband is the Boss and the wife's supposed to Submit." It subtly infers that the husband has _____ authority. It produces Bad Fruit. (Example of Unsaved Husband's Order).

Let me ask it another way - if your government told you you couldn't go to church, would you obey? No! We understand that government has limited authority. Somehow we got this impression that husbands have unlimited authority. Where did we get that? Do you know what it produces in men? It produces _____ in men. (Examples).

6 Scriptures - Remember in I Corinthians 11:3 it says that the husband is the head of the wife. It also said that the husband has a head - Christ. It also said that Christ has a head - God the Father. It clearly delineates a _____ of _____. Let's see what Christ - who is the head of the husbands - said about this chain of authority and how it works. (Blanks for Notes).

1) **John 5:18-19** - the Pharisees are challenging Jesus' authority. Jesus' answer to back up whether he has authority or not - "The Son can do _____ by himself. He can do Only what he sees his father doing. . .".

2) **John 5:30-31** -

3) **John 7:18** -

4) **John 8:28** -

5) **John 10:37** -

6) **John 12:49-50** -

WEEK # 8 CON'T

Over & Over & Over again, Jesus Christ made it clear that His authority over us is Limited. He says, "My authority is limited to how much I am submitted to my heavenly Father." How much is Jesus submitted to his heavenly Father? Totally - therefore truly His authority is unlimited.

Then the Word of God says - "The husband is the head of the wife _____ Christ is the head of the church." Husbands, God help you if you're cocky about being the head. We're to Tremble before the thought of having the authority of God on our shoulders.

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

1 - You can bark all you want, but the bottom line is - _____
_____. You only have as much authority as you are a servant. When you try to have Satanic authority, all you get is Satan's results. If you go back to Eph 5, what happens to a head that abuses it's authority? The body doesn't necessarily rebel, it just _____.

2 - You can have an _____ of authority when you're a servant. You have no idea how wonderful it is to have a wife that says, "You are such a servant and I will follow you to the ends of the earth."

WEEK # 8 CON'T

MARRIAGE PT 8 ROLE OF HUSBAND I
2 BASIC FACTS ABOUT HUSBANDS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) In your marriage, does your wife Glow? _____

- 2) In your marriage, how much is the husband a Servant to the wife? _____

- 3) Which of the 2 Criteria for being a good husband causes you the most difficulty and why? _____

- 4) Who is the Only Person on earth that can say that the husband has authority? _____
What words does she say that gives him authority? _____

- 5) How much God-given Authority does the husband have? _____

- 6) How clear to you is the concept of "Limited Authority"? _____

WEEK # 9

MARRIAGE PT 9 ROLE OF HUSBAND II GREATEST NEED OF A WIFE

THE FOUR NEEDS OF A WIFE

(Given in Order of Importance)

GREATEST NEED OF A WIFE

For her husband to give _____ to her _____

1 Peter 3:7 - "Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers."

5 Words & Phrases In This Verse

1. "**RESPECT**" - the Center and the Main Message of this whole verse can be summed up in this little four word phrase - "Treat them with _____." The essence of respect is to give _____ to someone's words. (Example of People I Respect). It's significant that you realize that the Bible _____ this.

The thing I love about this verse is not any little point, but the sequence of phrases. The 1st phrase was "treat them with respect." What's the next phrase? "As with the weaker partner."

2. "**WEAKER**" - the Bible touches a really touchy point here. What does it mean? If a husband & wife are in a direct face-to-face confrontation and the main attitude of the wife is, "You're gonna listen to what I have to say," and the main attitude of the man is, "I'm NOT gonna listen to what you have to say," who's gonna win that argument? The _____!

The Bible makes no bones about it - a man can _____ his wife. They do it one of two ways -

- # 1 - Through being _____ or
- # 2 - _____ her out.

Put Two Phrases Together - you start with the Bible commanding respect, and then right after that it basically tells us that she can't make you listen, that it's easy for you to shut her out.

WEEK # 9 CON'T

3. "HEIRS WITH YOU" - the strongest picture the Bible could find of the concept of _____. If you are joint heirs, you are completely as equal as equal can be. That's a neat phrase - but compare it to the one before there! It said that the women are weaker partners! What it's saying to the men - she can hear from God just as good as you can.

Another way to say this (Really Significant) - she's _____ to speak. (How Men Think About Being Qualified to Speak). God says the only real issue is what do I say about this. (How Men & Women Hear From God). What God is saying is - "Men, I command you to give her respect! She can't make you do it, but I'm telling you she can hear from God just as good as you." The sequence is building!

4. "HINDER" - what God is saying is, "Men, if you shut her out, I _____." (How God Deals With Men & Women). I Peter 3:7 is a clearly implied threat! That can be frightening, but it can also be an overwhelming _____.

God says, "Men, if when she speaks you drop everything to listen, then when you talk I drop everything to hear you." Do you know how many things can hinder your prayers? God says, "Men, if you walk with this woman, I'll remove Every hinderance!" Don't forget what your prayers are - your hopes, your dreams, your desires, etc.

5. "NOTHING" - God is saying, "I _____ in your life."

If the deepest drive in a man is to be productive then . . .

What is the Greatest Fear?

Fear of _____

Most men are _____ at the thought of having this label on them - "You're just a failure." One of the biggest differences between a man of God and a man of the world, is that:

- > A man of God is _____ in the desire to be productive.
- > Men in this world are paralyzed and terrified of being a _____.

(Description of Unsaved Men). What's so significant is the fact that to become a Christian, the first thing you have to do to give your life to Jesus Christ is to admit you are a total and complete absolute _____. There is something broken in the man of God that's never broken in the world! The man of God quit running from that fear.

Message of the Cross - an _____ life. You died, and in exchange the life of the living son of God is poured into you. The man of God has faced failure head on!

WEEK # 9 CON'T

Some men who are Christians - Satan comes against you and tells you you're a failure. The man of God's response - I remind myself . . .

What Success Is

1. Knowing _____.
2. Real success is not career, but _____.
3. If there's any hope of me being a success as a pastor, I'm going to see it because I have learned the secret to the blessing of God. Every blunder I've made in the ministry, I can see a time when I brushed off counsel from my wife. Every major success, there was warfare over whether I was going to be in agreement with my wife. I'm going to hear God's voice through agreement with my mate.

This whole vision of hearing God's voice through agreement with your mate is the door to _____ you ever desired.

3 MORE THINGS ON GIVING WEIGHT TO YOUR WIFE'S WORDS

- 1) 2 Scriptures (Col. 3:19, Eph. 5:25) - clear overall message: husbands _____ your wives. One of the things the Bible is saying is - learn to relate to your wife on an _____ level.

THE LINE to Use With A Woman: whenever she wants to talk and pours out something on her heart to you, you say these words -

"So what you're _____ is . . .
(repeat the essence of what she's feeling)".

Why This is So Important: the wife comes to the point of conversation and pours out something on her heart. Men can tend to be too much _____ oriented. (Example of What Men Do). Men are you called to be an adversary to your wife? _____!

What Happens: you're not gonna feel everything she feels. If you'll just say this one line an incredible thing happens: your heart will come around to her side of the table and rather than being her adversary, you become her _____. She will feel so _____. (Example of What Happens).

> > Main Thing is - you get on _____! < <

To Relate To Your Wife On An Emotional Level doesn't mean you have to feel everything she feels. It simply means - whatever she's feeling, treat it as _____.

WEEK # 9 CON'T

- 2) IF YOU DO THIS - you will as a servant gain authority to require your wife to find possible _____. When a woman gets in the flesh, there are many times where she doesn't want to find solutions. If you become her ally, if you've been a servant you can say, "Sweetie, calm down. You have to think of some solutions." She'll settle right in because you've used Godly authority.
- 3) If you operate as a servant and give weight to your wife's words, then you have authority to require her to give weight to _____ words. (Example of John and Beth).

WEEK # 9 CON'T

MARRIAGE PT 9 ROLE OF HUSBAND II GREATEST NEED OF A WIFE

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) As a husband or wife do you in your marriage see the need for the husband to give great weight to the wife's words? Why? _____

- 2) In the study of the scripture I Peter 3:7 which of the five points most interested or most affected you? Why? _____

- 3) Which of the points in this sermon do you believe you most needed to hear? _____

- 4) Do you plan any immediate changes in the way you "discuss" issues as a result of hearing this message? _____

WEEK # 10

MARRIAGE PT 10 ROLE OF HUSBAND III HUMILITY

Guaranteed Thing That Will Happen In Your Marriage

You and your mate will _____ each other.

Many times they'll be little wounds. Many times they'll be very, very deep woundings. Except for your parents, your mate will hurt you more than all other people in the world combined. The closer you are to someone, the greater capacity they have to inflict pain into your life.

The World understands that every time there is a hurt, there is a need for forgiveness. What the world doesn't understand is that forgiveness has to be _____. If you don't have a vibrant, alive relationship with Jesus Christ where you can tap into the forgiveness that He already paid for and apply it to your marriage, then the only other option available to you is you have to _____.

BUT WHEN A COUPLE . . .

> > . . . knows how to apply the forgiveness of Jesus Christ

> > . . . learns how to keep _____

. . . the original _____ doesn't have to go away!

If you learn God's way, it can _____! Only God can take a thorn and turn it into a rose! Only God can take those hurts and cause them to be springs of joy! Where there's forgiveness, there's _____!

Ephesians 5:26 - Men are to wash your wives with water through the word. One of the Main Ways a man washes his wife is by learning to speak Bible words like . . .

_____, _____, and _____.

SECOND GREATEST NEED OF A WIFE

To Have A _____

FIRST APPLICATION

To _____ and ask _____.

WEEK # 10 CON'T

There are some women that have been married for 20 years, and never once heard that man say the words - "_____". Will you please _____?" There is such a Warfare over the hearts and minds of men on this issue. These men don't realize that God instituted certain scriptural principles that are going to happen - one of them is the law of reaping and sowing. The whole idea of being a head is not so much that you are the boss or you give orders as much as you _____.

When a man hardens his heart and goes through years without ever admitting wrong and asking forgiveness, the law of sowing and reaping says that eventually that woman will become _____.

On The Other Hand - when a man learns to quickly and easily say, "I was wrong. Will you please forgive me?", she'll begin to be sensitive and quickly repent, etc.

3 THINGS ABOUT ADMITTING WRONGS & ASKING FORGIVENESS

1) You can't do it unless you have a habit of _____.

Scripture - Matthew 5:23-24.

When Beth & I have "discussions" many times we don't resolve them all. A lot of times we go our separate ways and there's some tension in the room. When I walk away from that situation I shut it out. The only reason things don't fester in our marriage is because I've got a daily habit - I get into the presence of the Lord. (Example of What Happens in Prayer Time).

My Main Motivation in admitting I'm wrong & asking forgiveness is Not because

80-90% of the time, when I admit wrongs and ask forgiveness my Only motivation is that I can't live a day without _____.

If You're Hearing Me - if you've got garbage from your past, generational curses, etc the problem is not between you and your wife! The problem is between you and the _____! The answer is not to make yourself humble - you Can't! The only way you can do this is learn to meet with Him daily!

WEEK # 10 CON'T

2) Confess means _____.

Scriptures - James 5:16, I John 1:8-9

Deception That Hits Men - "I don't have to _____ anything, I'll just _____ her that I'm sorry." There is a specific reason for that deception - the Word of God lays out that there is Power in what you _____.

When you were born again you entered into a circle of light and although Satan owns this world for a time, he has nothing in you. The only authority he has in your life is when you step out of the kingdom of light and into the kingdom of darkness such as by hurting your wife. When you do that he has free reign. A man thinks "I'll just be nice and that'll be okay" - No!

Not until your wife says over you, " _____ " is the power of darkness broken. Don't even say "I'm sorry" - what's your wife going to say? Say these words, " _____ ?" She then will speak and say - "I forgive you." You'll feel it!

3) When you learn to admit your wrongs and ask forgiveness, it gives you _____.
(II Corinthians 12:19 - 13:10)

If over the course of 5 years, Beth and I have 100 arguments:

A) In 45-50 of them I was the Only one that was at fault!

B) In 50-55 of them we were both wrong. I'm the head - I go first. I find every wrong I have done & admit it, etc. Then Beth finds every wrong that she's done, etc. What if she won't admit her wrongs? I _____ her to admit her wrongs until I speak forgiveness. The Reason I can require my wife is because I first require _____ to find my wrongs and satisfy God and her. She'll receive servant authority every time.

C) There are maybe 2-3 of them where Beth is the only one wrong. When we have those kind of times, I will say "Honestly I don't see anything I'm doing wrong and I still say you've got a bad attitude." And my wife _____!
_____! I treasure that my wife looks at me as a man of integrity.

I hear so much about - "It's so hard to repent! It's so hard to admit your wrongs! It's so hard, etc." That's not near as hard as how hard and painful it would be to have my wife look at me as a man who does not speak the truth!

WEEK # 10 CON'T

SECOND APPLICATION

A humble husband is one who is _____.
Scriptures (Blanks for Notes) - Matt 8:8-10, I Thes. 5:12-13, Hebrews3:17

In the United States today, there is a horrible, perverted spirit of _____. There are millions of men who have never submitted to anybody's authority! Submission is not someone who has the power to make you do something. Submission is when you give your _____ to someone over you and say, "Whatever you want me to do, I'll do."

God's Authority in the Local Church - is parallel to the husband's authority in that it only has as much authority as it is a servant and the church's authority is not to boss and give orders but to come in as a servant and hear God's voice together through agreement.

QUESTION - If a wife needs correcting, who does it? The _____. If a husband needs correcting, is the wife an authority over the husband? _____! If he's smart, he better listen but when it comes to correcting, she doesn't have authority. Why should she follow him when _____? Until a man submits his heart to a local church body, the wife is never _____.

ONE MORE THING - There are many men who were saved for years that didn't grow up until they got locked into a local body. There are men who can take the humility point of admitting they're wrong and asking forgiveness. The wife gets Sick of hearing it and says, "That's nice but _____?"
 There are men who could say, "I didn't change until I learned to get under authority."

> The Power of Humility is the Greatest Weapon in the Kingdom of God! <

ASSIGNMENT

- 1) Ask the Lord to show you any area that you've wronged your wife that you've not said with your mouth, "I was wrong, please forgive me."
- 2) Ladies, you will then speak forgiveness over them.
- 3) Parameters - some issues will be a biggie. You need to go home and have a sanctified argument. Others - it means so much to the wife if you hear it from God and not from them. If you get nothing, turn to the second option of hearing the voice of the Lord and ask your wife.

WEEK # 10 CON'T

MARRIAGE PT 10 ROLE OF HUSBAND III HUMILITY

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) In your marriage, does the husband admit his wrongs and ask forgiveness freely and easily with his wife? _____

If not, which of the three points about admitting wrongs might be lacking in the husband's life? _____

- 2) List examples of ways that humility gives the husband authority with his wife. _____

- 3) HUSBANDS - are You submitted to a local church body? If not, how would it improve your marriage to submit to this authority? _____

- 4) What were the results in your marriage of following the assignment at the end of the tape? _____

WEEK # 11

MARRIAGE PT 11 ROLE OF HUSBAND IV HOW TO PROTECT YOUR WIFE

Scripture - Numbers 30:10-15

THIRD GREATEST NEED OF A WIFE

For Her Husband to _____

3 GENERAL STATEMENTS ABOUT WOMEN

- 1) It is harder for women to _____. The reason is that the Nature of the woman is to _____. When you come to a woman and ask for help, her automatic instinct is to consider the _____ asking for help more than she considers the _____.

> > > RABBIT TRAIL / PARENTHESIS

I want to explain one thing that has been confusing some of you. I have been giving general traits about women and men and for many of you it's been real exciting, etc. There's a few of you that it's been confusing because it seems like in your marriage the roles are reversed. You wonder, "Am I doing something wrong?" (Examples).

Why Don't You Fit The Pattern? - you're not ungodly in that. In Romans, God lists 7 personality gifts and God gives some _____ of these gifts to every human being. (Examples of Different Gifts). Although the deepest drive of every woman who ever lived is to be relational, and the deepest drive of every man who ever lived is to be productive, those drives are filtered through your _____ of giftings. (Example).

- 2) Women get _____ quicker. Women (on the average) have ____% less oxygen capacity than men do. This is one of the best measures of your endurance.
- 3) It takes women longer to recover from _____. In the womb, the male child is bathed in testosterone. It severs the connections between the right brain and the left brain. When emotional shocks take place, your right brain is the one that feels the emotions and then signals the left side of your brain which is the analytical or decision making side of your brain.

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In A Man - when a man goes through something emotional ladies, his right brain feels the same emotions you feel. However, the ability of the right brain to send those messages to the left brain is greatly impaired. For a time he will feel tremendous emotions. But every man has experienced that he has the ability to tell the left brain to tell the right brain just to be _____!

In A Woman - a woman can't do that! In a woman, all of the channels are open! Those emotions Flood the left side of the brain, sometimes rendering for a short time the left side unable to function. Practically, it's gonna take her _____ to recover from a tense argument, a car wreck, etc.

Put These Three Together - it's rather Easy for a woman to get in a position where she's _____. The message ringing out of Numbers 30: "Men - _____!" Let me show you 2 more things:

Verse 13 - there is a tendency in a woman to make too many obligations to the point of _____ herself.

Verse 15 - the wife gets stressed out and the man sees it and says nothing. Eventually she just crashes and then he says, "I knew you shouldn't have. . . !" What does God say about him? It says _____ the guilt!

5 AREAS IN WHICH TO PROTECT YOUR WIFE

- 1) From too many _____.
- 2) From _____.
- 3) From _____.
- 4) From _____ by the kids.
- 5) From _____ pressures.

3 CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

- 1) Protecting never means _____.
- 2) Protect her in the order of _____.
- 3) INCREDIBLE STATEMENT - "Men find more fulfillment in _____ than they find fulfillment in _____."

WEEK # 11 CON'T

MARRIAGE PT 11 ROLE OF HUSBAND IV HOW TO PROTECT YOUR WIFE

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) Please comment on the points in this teaching that most affected you and why? _____

- 2) In your marriage, has the husband ever seen the wife doing too much? What was the husband's response? _____

- 3) Please list (in order or priority) the areas in the wife's life that she needs more protection. _____

WEEK # 12

MARRIAGE PT 12 ROLE OF HUSBAND V HOW TO ENCOURAGE YOUR WIFE

OVERVIEW COMMENT OUT OF 1 PETER 3:7

"BE CONSIDERATE" (NIV) = "ACCORDING TO KNOWLEDGE" (KJV)

This phrase is Two Greek Words that are joined together:

1. "Gnosis" - "knowledge"
2. "Kata" - "to be sensitive in guiding your actions"

Put Those Two Together - "Husbands, be _____ or _____ your actions toward your wife with _____." There is a need for a man to _____. What it's really saying is "Men, study and have knowledge about and understand your wife so well, that you do _____!" Women naturally _____, but men don't naturally _____. This is why the women got 3 sermons & the men got 5!

MEN - over the past 5 weeks I will have given you more instruction than you could ever handle at this time. Please Do Not try to _____ everything I've said to you over the last 5 weeks today! In fact, don't even try to _____ everything I've said! (Example of What to Say to the Lord). The only way to obey God is to not only obey Him in the things He's telling you to do but the things He's _____ telling you to do.

FOURTH GREATEST NEED OF A WIFE

For Her Husband to _____

Scriptures: I Corinthians 8:1, Ephesians 4:29

3 WAYS TO BUILD YOUR WIFE UP

1 - _____!

When a house is messy, a man does not _____. It has no effect on how he feels about _____. A woman is relational - A woman relates to her house to the point that her house becomes an extension of her _____. (How A Woman Feels In Her Emotions).

WEEK # 12 CON'T

Number of Factors In How Good of A Housekeeper a Woman Is

- 1) How gifted she is in _____.
- 2) How _____ her house is.
- 3) Some women have more _____ on them.
- 4) Some women have _____.

Every Woman internalizes how her house looks into her concept of _____,
That is why it had better be very Rare that a man _____ his wife on the house.

> > Story of John & Beth and Their House < <

> > Different Women have different _____! < <

2 - _____ !!

Your wives are like _____. Jesus wants _____ with you.
Your wife is like that - she has the heart of Jesus like that.

Very Economical Point - when you have a date time _____, it is
Easier than trying to have a date time _____.

- > Your wives will quit _____ you.
- > It's easier with the _____.
- > You'll _____.
- > She will be willing to do something that _____.

If you take her out every week, you learn to find things you Both enjoy!

3 - Tell her _____ !

A woman needs to be praised in every area, but more than all those combined she wants you to tell her she's pretty. Why? She wants you to want to be with her.

HOW TO COMPLIMENT YOUR WIVES

1ST HALF - half of them can be _____

OTHER HALF - the other half is _____ for a

_____. (Examples of Compliments)

WEEK # 12 CON'T

CONCLUSION

Ephesians 5:28 - ". . . he who loves his wife, loves _____."

Immediate Benefits - whenever a man takes one little step toward ministering to his wife, what does he get immediately? _____ / _____. When a man takes even a little step to minister to his wife, she always responds!

The Converse Is Not True - a woman can take a little step, 3 steps, 10 steps in ministering to that man and not receive any benefits for years.

WHY IS THAT? - marriages get to a place where you both stall out. All her focus is your faults and how you've wronged her and all the things you ought to get right. All your focus is her faults and how she's wronged you and all the things she ought to get right. In That Situation - which one does God say, "Kickstart the engine and move it?" The _____!

God is such a merciful God that included in that He said - "Men, because I'm giving you such a High Calling and so much Responsibility, I will put it in the very nature of the man and the woman that when you break that impasse and take one little step, she'll _____."

> God says, "When I give great responsibility, I give great _____!" <

WEEK # 12 CON'T

MARRIAGE PT 12 ROLE OF HUSBAND V HOW TO ENCOURAGE YOUR WIFE

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) In your marriage, what 2 or 3 practical things can the husband do to help the wife around the house? _____

- 2) In your marriage, do you have a weekly "date time" and what are your thoughts on the idea? _____

- 3) List as many categories as you can think of that a husband could use to compliment his wife's appearance. _____

- 4) What New Things have you learned about each other through listening to the five messages directed to husbands? _____

WEEK # 13

MARRIAGE PART 13

INLAWS - HOW TO DEAL WITH THEM

This is a very delicate and touchy subject. I'd rather not preach on it. Most people don't want to hear anything on this subject, but I cannot avoid this subject. In fact, the Bible compels me to preach on this subject. I've seen ignorance on this subject almost destroy many marriages. The subject is -

"PARENTS OF MARRIED COUPLES"

I realize that we live in a very Fragmented Society. There's no such thing anymore as a Standard Family. I'm dealing with thousands of possibilities (Examples). I'm not going to be able to cover every application, but there are some very Clear _____ to guide and govern a married couple's relationship with their parents.

BIBLE MANDATES FOR PARENTS OF MARRIED COUPLES

Genesis 2:24 - the first word of instruction on the subject of marriage that was ever spoken in all eternity: "For this reason, a man will _____ his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."

BIBLE MANDATE # 1

You can't possibly be _____ with your mate
until you have _____ your parents.

When You Get Married - you are supposed to _____ from your parents! There's really supposed to be a death of a certain relationship. You are no longer their son or daughter, you are now a Peer! This idea of leaving includes many things -

- _____ - they aren't supposed to know everything that's going on in your life anymore.
- _____ - you're not supposed to be over at their house all the time anymore, especially in the early stages of marriage.
- The concept of _____. John the Baptist welcomed a _____ of his influence.

WEEK # 13 CON'T

If that leaving does Not take place, parents can be one of the most horrible tools of Satan to _____ a husband and wife. I don't think it's any accident that in Matthew 19 when Jesus quoted Genesis 2:24, he followed it with the warning - "Therefore what God has joined together, let man not _____."

FIVE WORDS - APPLICATIONS OF GENESIS 2:24

1 - _____.

Some people when they give advise, they really are just giving advice - a suggestion. Other people when they give you advice, what they're really giving you is an order. The motive of your heart when you give advice is exposed by how you react when they _____ your advice. (Examples of Reactions). Parents of adult couples are Not Permitted to give _____ anymore, only _____! Therefore, parents of married children are not permitted to have _____ when their advice is not followed.

One More Thing - parents of married couples Do Not have an _____ to give suggestions any time they want! (Mentality of the Parents). The Biblical Fact is - you're _____ their parent anymore and they're _____ your kids anymore! They never were - they were God's and you were a temporary steward over God's child. You operate to them now as one adult to another. From one adult to another, giving suggestions is not a right, it's a _____. Like any privilege, if you abuse it, you _____ it.

Balancing Comments - I think it's great for married couples to _____ their parent's advice. Proverbs 23:22 - Honor your parents even after they're no longer an _____ over you. When you draw this line and both sides honor this line, that frees up the married couple to seek their parents' advice.

2 More Things

- 1) Genesis 28-31 - the story of Laban.
- 2) Exodus 18 - the story of Jethro, the father-in-law of Moses.

2 - _____.

These are Worse than suggestions. (Story of Couple). You do not have to continue a relationship with your parents - you have to be unified with your mate. You draw the line, and whether the relationship is continued or not is your _____ choice.

Luke 14:26 - what was Jesus saying? The _____ between your love and commitment to Jesus Christ and your love and commitment to every other human relationship must be so Huge that it's almost as though you _____ them. That Same Bible principle applies to the next person in line - Jesus is tops on the ladder, your mate is second!

WEEK # 13 CON'T

BIBLE MANDATE # 2

There had better be a big _____ between
 how much you love and are committed to your mate and
 how much you love and are committed to your parents.

I'm Not Saying to look for a fight and be abrasive. I think you ought to be gentle, humble, kind, etc. I Am Saying - don't ever think that your love and commitment to your parents is equal or anywhere close to equal to your relationship to your mate. I'm also saying - treat your parents like you would _____ if they criticize your wife or your husband. If they cross the line, who's responsible to deal with it? _____ are!

3 - _____.

A tough area - it can be a great source of blessing or a great source of _____.
Scripture - Proverbs 19:14. The Bible does bless the freedom of parents to give gifts to their married children. I want to give you a couple of thoughts -

To Parents of Married Children - 2 Things

- 1) If ever you give a gift to your children, be sure there are _____
 _____.
- 2) If your children continually ask you for money, sometimes the best thing to do is
 _____ to help them.

To Married Couples - 3 Things

- 1) Set your _____ to go through life without _____
 _____ from your parents.
- 2) If your parents give you a gift, _____ with graciousness and
 appreciativeness.
- 3) If ever you're given a gift that's used to manipulate, _____.

WEEK # 13 CON'T

4 - _____.

No one should ever argue with you about your _____ of _____ your children in front of your children. That is a Horrible thing to do! (Examples).

5 - _____.

Romans 12:18 - I think it's great to spend holidays as an extended family, but the only time that gets dangerous is when the extended family think that's their _____ to have you come, and they think they can _____ it or _____ it.

TWO CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

1. Generally - the _____ of married parents is _____ than the _____. There's some reasons for that - dads are more _____ / _____ conscious. Moms have generally _____ to the kids than dad did, and moms are so relation oriented that she thinks that the old relationship is still there. I think it's the responsibility of the dad to " _____!"
2. How many of you would have liked to have known this before you got married? My heart is to engaged couples that will go through this course. It's so easy to draw those lines right up front. If you draw them with love and firmness, nearly every parent will _____ them. If you draw them right up front, you can have such a great relationship with your parents.

WEEK # 13 CON'T
MARRIAGE PART 13
INLAWS - HOW TO DEAL WITH THEM
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Of all the Parents and Parents-in-Laws in your lives -

- 1) Which one is the Worst at breaking the Biblical Mandates heard in this sermon? What specific actions do they take that break those Bible truths? _____

- 2) Which one is the Second Worst at breaking the Biblical Mandates heard in this sermon? What specific actions do they take that break those Bible truths? _____

- 3) Which one is the Best at keeping these Biblical Mandates? (Have you kissed them lately?) _____

- 4) After hearing this sermon, what different actions and responses do you Both (In Agreement!!!) intend to take toward your parents? _____

WEEK # 13 CON'T

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS CON'T

5) Can you see any opportunity for Asking Advice from your parents on a more regular basis? _____

WEEK # 14

MARRIAGE PART 14 CAN YOU CONTROL YOUR EMOTIONS?

OVERALL THOUGHTS ON MARRIAGE COURSE

I'm so encouraged by what I've seen - I've seen so many marriages where you're beginning to understand that the word of God can transform the way you think. So many of you have begun to understand your mate. However, my greatest desire that I've seen fulfilled is to see couples learn to _____ each other more - to be able to look at your mate and say, "I'm So Glad I married you!"

John 10:10 - Jesus said the reason he came to earth - "I have come that they may have life, in abundance, to the full, 'til it overflows!" Only in Jesus Christ is it actually possible for couples not only to stay married, but to actually enjoy each other more and more! For most of you I have a tremendous hope!

For some of you - there is a small minority that would say that your "itch has Not been scratched." There are couples whose marriage problems are deeper than anything we've touched. Especially what I feel in my heart is that there are couples who would say, "14 weeks - big deal, nothing has changed." I want to speak to you about a couple of things -

1 - If the problems in your marriage are so deep and so serious that this

Marriage Series really hasn't affected them, then your problems are Not your _____. The real issue is that in Your Personal Life there are problems between _____ and _____.

2 - Many times, not only is it not your marriage, but you're dealing with things like _____. (Examples). You can't counsel a demon!

3 - Others of you, there may not be any demons, but there are some issues that the Bible calls _____ and in other places it calls them _____. (Examples).

WEEK # 14 CON'T

WORDING FOR DECEPTION MOST PEOPLE HAVE

"We _____ what we _____."

Millions and billions of times in your life, you have been told by this world that you have No Control over your emotions and that you Can't Help what you feel. If you'll study that thought you'll realize that there's a subtle underlying deception - your emotions _____!
(Examples of Controlling Emotions).

In this year, I've had two cases where a husband looked his wife in the eye and said, "I'm not attracted to you, etc." Do you know what the excuse was that the men gave? "Well, I'm just being _____!" Do you recognize the lie? "I can't control what I feel! If I'm not attracted to you, that is a statement of fact that I can't change, etc."

That is a LIE from the pit of hell! Many Christian couples believe that how much they are attracted to their mate is an item they can't control. That's a lie! You have _____ and _____ control over how much you're attracted to your wife. You have authority over your emotions and you can Tell your emotions to feel whatever you want for your mate and it has Nothing to do with how they act!

TWO BIBLE TRUTHS TO DEFEAT THIS LIE

1 - (Bible Definition of Love)

Love is a _____ to _____ of yourself
_____ and _____.

3 Parts of Your Soul - the feeling part, the thinking part, and the choosing part. Love is TOTALLY in the area of the _____! If you want to shorten it down to three words, it's a _____ to _____!

Scriptures (Blanks for Notes) - Romans 5:8 (God demonstrates to us _____),
I John 3:16, John 3:16, I John 4:9, Luke 6:35, John 13:1, John 15:13

WEEK # 14 CON'T

QUESTION - Where do emotions fit in to all this?

2 - Anytime you freely and unconditionally give of yourself to someone, the by-product will always be _____.

Luke 6:35 - the God of the universe has decreed that Anytime someone acts and moves in His love, He says, "I will _____ them!" The reward that He usually gives is _____ for that person.

Luke 12:34 - what's the greatest treasure you have? It's _____! Anything that you give of yourself to, what automatically follows? Your _____! There are a lot of things you can grasp from this -

- > > Have you ever seen people who don't have positive emotions to anybody? What you have just discovered is someone who gives to no man except himself.
- > > How many know men or women who freely and unconditionally give of themselves to their jobs? Doesn't that person have incredible emotional attachment to their job?
- > > How many of you have ever seen someone who gives of themselves freely and unconditionally to their car? Don't they have incredible emotional attachment to their car? (Example).
- > > Let's pretend that sometime some of you had someone else that you were irritated at! They bugged you! The fact that they bugged you is not an unchangeable fact. You can choose to enhance it or choose to _____ for that person.

CLOSING THOUGHTS

My desire is that you would learn a whole new way of thinking in response to your emotions, specifically in your marriage. (Example).

> Story About John & Beth <

2 QUESTIONS

1 - How much positive emotions do you have toward your mate on a consistent basis?

2 - How much do you freely and unconditionally give of yourself toward your mate?

The exact same answer on both of them! You can set that scale wherever you want.

WEEK # 14 CON'T

MARRIAGE PART 14

CAN YOU CONTROL YOUR EMOTIONS?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) Please comment on the points in this teaching that most affected you and why. _____

- 2) How New to you is the idea that you can control what you feel? What was your reaction to this sermon? _____

- 3) List new ways that you can start giving to your mate in your marriage. _____

Overall Questions On Marriage Course

- 4) What are the Key Truths from the Marriage Course that God is speaking to You about?

WEEK # 14 CON'T

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS CON'T

- 4) If this Marriage Course hasn't affected the problems in your marriage, what areas of your personal life do you feel God is dealing with? _____
- _____
- _____
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NOTE ABOUT LAST TWO SERMONS

The last two sermons in the Marriage Course come from our 1st Corinthians series. They were added to the Marriage Course with some minor editing because the truths presented in these two sermons are highly relevant to marriages and aren't covered anywhere else in the course.

WEEK # 15

MARRIAGE PART 15

SEX I

I found myself as I was preparing for this message having a More Intense than usual struggle finding the right words. I found myself wanting to be so careful not to allow evil in this place. I came to a point where the Spirit of God spoke a scripture to me . . .

Titus 1:15 - "To the _____ all things are _____, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, _____ is pure."

The Biggest Problem I Face is the fact that we have corporately lost our _____. We've lost our _____. Today sex is so blatantly graphically perverted, and we've all been influenced by that. We've all become somewhat corrupted.

Innocence is Not Ignorance - innocence does not mean you lack knowledge - innocence means lack of knowledge of _____. As we lost that precious commodity, we lost God's plans, God's reasons, God's purposes for giving us this beautiful gift. Satan would prefer us to be silent on the subject of sex and fill our minds and our children's minds with his blatant graphic perversion. But the Truth sets us free!

What I Really Hunger Today - is for us to look at the Pure Truths of God's reasons for sex.

SCRIPTURES

- 1) **Malachi 2:16** - God says, "I hate divorce!"
- 2) **Matthew 5:32** - There is something God hates _____ than He hates divorce. God says, "I hate people abusing my gift of sex worse than I hate divorce. Sex is very important to me."
- 3) **1 Corinthians 6:9-10** - God says, "This gift of sex is so important to me that if you misuse it, you may not even come to heaven."

Why Is Sex Important to God?

- 4) **Ephesians 5:31** - "the two will become one flesh" is speaking about sex. Actually the verse talks about marriage And sex - sex is called the consummation of a marriage.

Notice the First Phrase in Verse 32 - "this is a _____" - a real important transition. Rest of v. 32 - I've always read that and thought, "What does sex have to do with Christ and the church?"

WEEK # 15 CON'T

The Sex Act In Particular

is especially designed by God to be

an expression in the _____ of

what our relationship with Christ is to be like in the _____.

- 5) **1 Corinthians 6:16** - to be united with someone physically in sex is a parallel to being united with the Lord spiritually.

TWO WORDS

Two Ways In Which Sex Represents Our Relationship With Christ

1 - _____

God's Highest Desire - the Heart of God throbs to be _____ and fellowship with you. To give us a concept of what it means to be spiritually intimate - He gave us the ultimate expression of physical intimacy. As a people, we're not very close and we don't know much about intimacy. The highest level of intimacy you'll ever enter into with someone is in the act of sex.

If you grasp how important that is to God - then you begin to be able to understand why God gets so upset when two people who have made a commitment that results in a bond of intimacy - and one of those people breaks that bond in adultery. I've heard pastors say, "I don't believe God gives any exceptions for divorce." People who don't like the exception clause don't understand that that intimacy is the very _____ of the marriage.

The Most Important Thing to God - is that commitment of two beings coming together in intimacy is a representation of His calling to us. God says that when a person Breaks and takes that precious gift of intimacy and uses it with someone else, He says that marriage is _____. You have to grasp how important that is to God. Don't hear me say God can't repair - but don't underestimate the weight of how wrong it is.

2 - _____

Medically What Happens In Sex - your adrenalin system gets pumped higher and higher and higher and higher - to the very limits. If you didn't have your sexual reproductive system it would kill you. Medically - sex is the _____ of ecstasy that your body can possibly bear. God says, "I'm going to give you the very limit of ecstasy you can!" (Example of Heaven). God gave the ecstasy of sex so we could emotionally picture heaven.

WEEK # 15 CON'T

THESE TWO WORDS - the Intimacy and the Ecstasy
are essential for you to remember

A WAY TO NEVER FORGET THOSE 2 COMPONENTS

The way God made Sure that you'll never forget is God took and Assigned each of them to one of the marriage partners.

> > > For a Wife - the Primary focus in sex is _____. It does not mean a wife cannot enjoy the ecstasy but it will never be the major point.

> > > For a Husband - the Primary focus will always be the _____. It does not mean that a husband cannot learn to be intimate but it will never be as important to him as the ecstasy.

This Explains A Lot - have you ever wondered why men like to talk about sex and women don't? To men, sex is fun - sex is ecstasy - and fun is something you like to talk about. But to a woman, sex is intimacy. Even in the world you don't find many women who like to talk about sex because intimacy is a _____ thing.

We Learn A Very Important Thing about sex from this aspect of intimacy: sex should never be "_____." There is a Time . . .

- For parents to sit down with their children
- For a pastor to take his people and teach them
- For a husband and wife to communicate in that area

But Beyond Those Areas . . . it's a very _____ affair.

CONCLUSION

A lot of people laugh when they read these verses because they don't read them closely.

1 Corinthians 7:3-5 - a lot of people read these verses and they say that the basic essence of those verses is that our bodies in marriage belong to each other - that's basically correct. They take it further and say that these verses are saying . . .

- > When a man wants sex and his wife doesn't, she should give her body as a gift to him.
- > If a wife wants sex and the husband doesn't, he should give his body as a gift to her.

The Reason People Laugh - the man will say, "There's never been a day when she's wanted sex and I haven't." It comes across as this one-sided verse - it's so sad that they misread verse 3: "The husband should fulfill his _____ to his wife."

WEEK # 15 CON'T

Definition of Martial Duty

To _____ the _____ of your partner.

What is the basic sexual need of the husband? _____.

What is the basic sexual need of the wife? _____.

Does a wife have to have sex to have intimacy? _____.

Fulfilling the basic sexual needs of a wife does not always mean you have to have sex. If you will grasp these three verses, it will transform a marriage. What chapter 7 verses 3-5 is saying very directly is that -

> Ladies, anytime your husband wants ecstasy you are to freely give it to him. "How often do I have to have sex?" The Bible says, "Anytime he wants it." You have relinquished control of your body to him.

> BUT! - the Bible Also Says - anytime She wants Intimacy - Men, do you have a choice of whether to agree to it or not? Men, to whom does your body belong? To my _____.

***If ever you find a woman that is resistant in this area - you will find a husband who is negligent in this area. Men - you don't have an option. The Bible says that when your wife wants time with you, that's _____ talking! (Example - In My Home).

***If you want to see a marriage transformed - get a wife who understands her responsibility and a man who understands his responsibility - and you'll see one of the most incredible marriages you will ever find!

Wrap It All Together

God wants us to remember _____ to give us intimacy and ecstasy. Men - if you learn to obey your wife in intimacy, you'll learn to be _____ and vice versa with the wife.

There'll be no sex in heaven - the whole thing is God saying "I want you to learn my truths."

WEEK # 15 CON'T
MARRIAGE PART 15
SEX I
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) Please comment on the points in this teaching that most affected you and why.

- 2) In light of this teaching, why is sex important to God? _____

- 3) **Wives** - what is your reaction to the concept that when a husband wants ecstasy, the wife is to offer her body to him? _____

- 4) **Husbands** - what is your reaction to the concept that when a wife wants to have intimacy, the husband is to offer his body to her? _____

WEEK # 16

MARRIAGE PART 16

SEX II

REVIEW OF LAST TIME

Ephesians 5:31- 32 - God's purpose for the sexual relationship is to be a _____ of what our _____ is to be like. The sexual relationship is the highest natural example of what our relationship with Christ is to be.

2 Main Aspects of the Sexual Relationship that represent our relationship to Christ - He took One of the aspects of sex and He assigned it to the man and said, "I'm going to create you in such a way that you will never forget this aspect." He created the woman in such a way that she could never forget the Other aspect.

QUESTION - CONCERNING THE MAN - what is the one aspect of sex that no man could ever forget? _____. Basis Word - _____.

One Other Last Thing - Medically sex is so powerful for a man that it is physically the highest level of ecstasy that his body can possibly bear. What I'm saying . . . (this is the 2nd most important thing I'll say to you all day) -

FIRST TRUTH

The Sex Drive when it is in High Gear is _____
 _____ than the man himself.

1 Corinthians 6:12 - every single Christian man you meet - if you get inside his heart and his mind and find out what the worst spiritual battle he faces is, do you know what it's gonna be? _____ - trying to have a pure thought life before God.

- > 1st Corinthians 6:12 is a Two Way Conversation.
- > "Everything is permissible for me" - those words did not originate with Paul. Paul was responding to the Corinthians.
- > 1st Corinthians 6:12 is really to me a conversation between single Christian men today and the Apostle Paul. (Example of Conversation).

WEEK # 16 CON'T

The Underlying Deception With Many Men who fall in immorality - it was not the _____ step - the deception came on the _____ beforehand. They don't realize that if you release the sex drive it is More Powerful than you are and it will _____ you. It will Control your mind, it will Dominate your thoughts, and eventually it will dominate your Actions.

1 Corinthians 6:18-19 - verse 19 says that your body is meant to be a temple for the Holy Spirit of God. (Discussion of Spirit, Soul, and Body). Verse 18 says that when you commit sexual immorality, that is a more serious sin in it's _____ than other sins.

3 AREAS THAT ARE ESPECIALLY WIDE OPEN DOORS TO DEMONIC INVASION

1 - _____ and the _____

2 - _____ or _____

3 - _____

(Dialogue). For a Christian single man - 1st Corinthians 6 teaches you that your sex drive when it is released is more powerful than you are. (Skill Saw illustration).

WOMEN - in one word, what is the aspect of the sexual relationship that a woman never forgets? _____. We studied in detail verses 15-17 of chapter 6 and they go into quite extensive detail of how the sex act in the incredible intimacy is the closest thing on earth to the intimacy that we are to have with Jesus Christ. One other scripture -

1 Corinthians 11:3 - in the soul realm the man's not always the leader. In the spiritual realm, when a man looks up, he sees _____. When a woman looks up, she not only hungers for Jesus but she hungers for a _____ to follow. God gave that as a gift to a woman. (Story of Campus Crusade Person). The most important thing I'll say all day.

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SECOND TRUTH

When you are dating, you _____

for your _____

WEEK # 16 CON'T

A Woman's Desire - to Follow a man Spiritually. Her desire is to be Intimate with that man - to Give of herself to a man. That is the pattern that the woman desires to set in the dating relationship. But it is the _____ what the pattern is.

Although the woman desires to be a Follower, if the man forces her to be a _____ (Examples) And he forces her out of the pattern of desiring to be intimate & open & giving of herself to being Resister, he is of all men the most Foolish if he thinks that once you get into the marriage she's going to be able to turn completely around.

One Thing That Is Absolutely Essential if you're going to follow someone is _____. A woman instinctively knows that the toughest of all areas for a man while they're dating is the physical areas, and that means she knows in her gut if she can trust that man in the physical areas in a dating relationship, she can trust that man in _____. (Description of What Happens).

But if She Can't - to the degree that she cannot trust him in the physical areas of their dating relationship, that pattern will carry over into every area of their marriage. The degree that she can trust him in the physical areas of their relationship is the degree that she can trust him in everything else in their marriage for years to come. (Counseling Example).

ONE LAST THING

Some of you weren't trustworthy in your dating.

You say - is it Hopeless?

It's not hopeless, but it's _____.

> Story of John & Beth Dating <

WEEK # 16 CON'T
MARRIAGE PART 16
SEX II
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1) Please comment on the points in this teaching that most affected you and why. _____

2) **Husbands** - what is your reaction to the concept that the sex drive, when released, is more powerful than you are? How can understanding this concept protect you from taking risks? _____

3) What physical guidelines, if any, did you follow when you were dating? How effective were they? _____

4) If you committed sexual immorality with your mate before marriage, you damaged the trust relationship. Is this clear to you? _____

WEEK # 16 CON'T

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS CON'T

- 5) What areas of your present relationship do you see affected by this lack of trust?

- 6) Would the two of you like someone to lead you both in a prayer of repentance, forgiveness, and asking God to rebuild the areas of trust in your marriage? _____

CONGRATULATIONS

YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE

MARRIAGE COURSE!

MARRIAGE PT 3 FOUNDATIONS III
TECHNIQUES OF COMMUNICATION

PAGE 14

Christians hear God's voice agreement united two
one

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pay the price agreement thoughts emotions spirits
overpower his wife

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pursuit man nakedness covering up confused enemy
Satan your mate

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mate God Satan joylessness God preference
Why covering Let's try this

MARRIAGE PT 4 ROLE OF WIFE I
3 THINGS EVERY HUSBAND HATES

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5 years proud

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responds shut her out wisdom ignorant Pushed
Imperative Statement punish stronger leader
shoved from behind

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Disrespectful bossy respect nagging unknown Tense
Uptight reflection Yes No public rebukeshut her out
have it out outside

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Resist him Disciplining Children husband wife discipline
above

MARRIAGE PT 5 ROLE OF WIFE II
A MAN'S NEED FOR RESPECT

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honor priest desire rule both harshest

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perfect them them man
what marriages will be like after the Messiah comes restored

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same way sex dishes please please progressive
truth miss submit make decisions obey
voluntary support

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respect another respect one of the top five 80%
gripe job public private tone of voice adversary
friend adversary

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correction I Corinthians 11:31 makes you hate myself need
security not permit walk away refuse interact apologize
No issue wrong tone

MARRIAGE PT 6 ROLE OF WIFE III
WHAT TO DO IF HE'S OUT OF GOD'S WILL

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decisions together authority No bully one
responsible your wife's state attitudes attitudes humility
respect cheerfulness agreement

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always wants that seek outside counsel best fail
No clearly unbending positive cheerful encouraging
proud

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HELP! I'M MARRIED TO AN UNSAVED MAN

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salvation far above marriage must not please lead

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lead leadership cleansing kids strongest moving
direction lead if you do abuse original God
grow up fix

MARRIAGE PT 8 ROLE OF HUSBAND I
2 BASIC FACTS ABOUT HUSBANDS

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heavenlies How good of a husband are you? godly glow
reflection radiant

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servant yes yes servant Jesus husband
servant despite agreement please body happy

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Limited servant out of balance unlimited arrogance chain
authority nothing

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as this is the way it works anyway breaks down awful lot

MARRIAGE PT 9 ROLE OF HUSBAND II
GREATEST NEED OF A WIFE

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great weight words respect weight commands man
overpower harsh Shutting

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equality qualified shut you out promise guarantee success
Failure terrified released failure failure exchanged

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Jesus Christ family every good thing love emotional
feeling adversary No ally loved her side
important

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solutions your

MARRIAGE PT 10 ROLE OF HUSBAND III
HUMILITY

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hurt paid for make your partner pay short accounts
honeymoon happiness deepen joy confession repentance
forgiveness humble husband admit your wrongs forgiveness

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I was wrong forgive me model attitudes just like him
daily entering into God's presence I love my wife so much I feel sorry
I want to be a nice guy the sweet presence of Jesus living God

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speak it out say show speak I forgive you
Will you forgive me? Authority require myself believes me

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under authority independence heart husband No
he submits to no one else? secure when are you going to change?

MARRIAGE PT 11 ROLE OF HUSBAND IV
HOW TO PROTECT YOUR WIFE

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Protect her say no respond person need combination
personal combination physically tired 30 emotional shocks

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quiet longer overwhelmed protect your wives harming
he bears time commitments physical weariness your dirty work
disrespect financial withholding information her preferences
protecting their wives sex

MARRIAGE PT 12 ROLE OF HUSBAND V
HOW TO ENCOURAGE YOUR WIFE

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sensitive guide knowledge study his wife everything just right
understand men understand women apply remember
not build her up Help keep the house neat take it personally himself
physical body

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administration pretty outside pressures critical husbands
herself criticizes hot spots Date time Jesus time alone
every week sometimes pressuring kids save money you like
she's pretty general compliments specific compliments
specific parts of her body

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himself benefits / response man respond reward

MARRIAGE PT 13
INLAWS - HOW TO DEAL WITH THEM

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Bible mandates		leave	united	left	separate
communication		proximity	influence	lessening	

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separate	separate	suggestions	don't take	orders	suggestions
negative reactions		automatic right			not not
privilege	lose	seek	authority	criticisms	parent's
gap	hated				

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gap	any other adult		You	money
controlling				
no strings attached	refuse	plans	any financial help	
receive it	give it back			

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children	methods	disciplining	holidays	right	demand
expect	mom	worse	dad	authority / position	
given more	reign in mom honor				

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CAN YOU CONTROL YOUR EMOTIONS?

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enjoy	marriage	you	God	demons
generational curses		strongholds		

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can't control	feel	control you	honest	total	complete
commitment	give	freely	unconditionally		will
commitment	give	what love is			

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positive emotions	reward	emotions	yourself	emotions
pray				

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SEX I

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pure pure nothing innocence purity evil
worse profound mystery

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natural spiritual Intimacy intimate essence shattered
Ecstasy highest level

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intimacy ecstasy private dinner top conversation private
marital duty

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fulfill basic sexual needs Ecstasy Intimacy No
wife the boss His desire intimate with God

MARRIAGE PT 16
SEX II

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constant reminder relationship with Christ Ecstasy Power
more powerful Lust

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last little steps master effects on you Witchcraft occult
Sexual immorality Sexual perversion Drugs Intimacy
God spiritual man set the pattern entire marriage relationship

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man's choice leader trust anything hard