

MARRIAGE

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INTRODUCTION

1. Text Ephesians 5:21-33
2. Marriage is the backbone of society. As the home goes so goes society
3. It is the first institution ordained by God Genesis 2:18-25
4. Marriage is therefore important and we need to spend time studying the concept of marriage and trying to improve our marriages

II Discussion

- A. Unity is involved.
 - a. They are to become one flesh Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:5
 - b. Unity and union are not the same thing. You can tie two cats together and throw them over a clothes line you will have union but will not have unity. Many couples have union but no unity.
 - c. The marriage relationship should be harmonious. Proverbs 27:15
- B. Both have vows to exchange.
 - a. Vows should be kept. Ecclesiastes 5:4
 - b. We say "I do" in our wedding. Do we understand these vows
- C. Both are based on love.
 - a. We are to love each other. Ephesians 5:25, 28-33; Titus 2:4
 - b. Love is not lust, When things go bad, sickness, debt, children,
- D. Someone must be in charge
 - a. The husband is head of the wife. Ephesians 5:23-24
 - b. The wife's ideas are important, she is the keeper of the home Titus 2:4-5
 - c. We may or may not like this, we may or may not like the job , but God has command and this is the way it ought to be.
- E. Marriage is based on giving 100%.
 - a. Marriage is a life time responsibility. Romans 7:1-3
 - b. Marriage is duties to one another 1 Corinthians 7:4-5
- F. Both have blessings.
 - a. We promised to share all our earthly goods with one another in the marriage vows.
 - b. Selfishness is not in a marriage
- G. Ephesians 5:33
 - a. New King James has respect,
 - b. Coffman says this is the same word as fear, as in fearing God
- H. Adultery is a violation of the laws that govern marriage.
 - a. The law from the beginning was that man should have one women for life, and only adultery can void the marriage relation. Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:5, 9

- b. Communication between husband and wife will help in this 1 Corinthians 7:4-5

III Conclusion.

1. Marriage is important and should not be entered into lightly
2. Marriage can affect this life and the eternal life
3. The right relationship is important between man and women
4. God and man. The most important is between God and man.
5. Are you in the right relationship with God?

Source: Idea came from an old sermon preached; Coffman commentary on Ephesians