

Marriage - continued

Ephesians 5:33).

Wives need affection, conversation, honesty, financial support, and commitment. Men, read the following Bible passages to see what your lady needs in marriage (Song of Solomon 2:10-12; Colossians 4:6; Proverbs 27:5-6; 1 Timothy 5:8; and Ephesians 6:4).

Strive To Revive

You can have a happy marriage if you will learn to strive to revive your marriage through the various seasons that it travels. Be careful not to let children, careers, family, friends, or "life" get in the way of your marriage. Keep the world and the devil out of your marriage (Proverbs 5:15-20; Song of Solomon 7:10-13; Hebrews 13:4).

Journey With Jesus

Finally, you can have a happy marriage if you will learn to journey with Jesus. Both husbands and wives need to be faithful Christians. Being "joint heirs of the grace of life" (1 Peter 3:7) is the only way to go through life. A marriage built upon the foundation of Jesus will weather any storm (Matthew 7:24-27). Start having the happy marriage you want and need! - *Chris Reeves*

Sentence Sermons

- A sharp tongue does not necessarily indicate a keen mind.
- Worry is the advance interest you pay on troubles that seldom come.
- An evil conscience cannot be cured by medicine.
- A Christian cannot be a blank. He is either a blessing or a blot.
- What a person possesses is not as important as what possesses him.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

You Can Have A Happy Marriage

Contrary to popular opinion and culture, you can have a happy marriage. Yes, it's true! If you follow God's plan for marriage (after all, he made marriage from the beginning), you can be happily married together.

The wise Solomon wrote the following long ago:

“Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of thy life of vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all thy days of vanity: for that is thy portion in life, and in thy labor wherein thou laborest under the sun” (Ecclesiastes 9:9).

Note that Solomon mentioned joy in marriage. Life and marriage from God are meant to be a joy, not a sadness. So, to all who are married, what are some things that you can do to have a happy marriage? You can have a happy marriage if you will...

Learn To Love

You can have a happy marriage if you will learn to love the way the Bible describes love. There is infatuation and there is sexual desire. Then, there is true, settled and sacrificial love. If you will love your mate in a selfless, sacrifi-

cial way, there will be happiness. If the wife will “desire” her husband (Genesis 3:6) and if the husband will “love” his wife, there will be happiness.

Respond With Respect

You can have a happy marriage if you will learn to respond to each other with respect. Courtesy, kindness, and respect go a long way in making a marriage go smoothly and joyfully. Saying, “please,” “thank you,” “I’m sorry,” and “I love you” are good starters. Wives, if you will stop being contentious (Proverbs 19:13) and husbands, if you will stop being bitter (Colossians 3:19), then your marriage will be happy. Don't be a troublemaker in your marriage, be a peacemaker (Matthew 5:9; Romans 14:19; James 3:18).

Communicate With Care

You can have a happy marriage if you will learn to communicate in a caring way. Good, kind, and fair communication is necessary for a healthy and happy marriage. Do more than just “hear” your spouse or “listen” to them. Empathize and seek to truly understand what they are saying and where they are coming from (1 Peter 3:7).

Mature Your Marriage

You can have a happy marriage if you will learn to mature and grow your marriage. All important relationships demand maturity and maturity demands patience. There will be a time during the dating process when the “sparks will really fly”. But, after you get married, it is time for the “get real” part of your relationship. Let your love grow stronger and stronger each year you are married (Song of Solomon 8:6-7) and determine to stay together no matter what trouble comes your way (1 Corinthians 7:5).

Navigate Your Needs

You can have a happy marriage if you will learn to navigate the various needs that you, the husband, and you, the wife, have. It is a well-known fact that husband and wives have different needs. You need to know what your needs are and the needs of your spouse. Here are a few examples of his and her needs:

Husbands need companionship, sexual fulfillment, attraction, domestic help, and respect. Ladies, read the following Bible passages to get an idea of what your man needs in marriage (Genesis 2:18; Proverbs 5:15ff; Song of Solomon 4:9-11; Proverbs 31; and