

BIBLICAL HUSBAND AND WIFE RELATIONSHIPS

KMI 2012 WORKSHOP

Description: Biblical teaching concerning the husband/wife relationship in a godly marriage. This workshop will focus on pertinent passages of scripture and tools to apply them to your marriage.

I. INTRODUCTION

a. WELCOME

b. WHO I AM

- i. Associated with Nav's FOR 4 decades
- ii. Married 42 yrs, 2 children, 3 grandchildren
- iii. Retired engineer from the aviation industry
- iv. Currently live in Kansas City Missouri area

c. MY CO-FACILITATOR IS DOUG REED

- i. AP high school physics teacher in a private school
- ii. Married 23 yrs, 5 children
- iii. Currently lives in Little Rock Arkansas area

d. GOALS OF THIS WORKSHOP

- i. Understanding what God says about marriage
- ii. Tools to help apply these principles to our lives and marriages
- iii. Applying these tools to real life scenarios

II. UNDERSTANDING WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT MARRIAGE

a. IN THE BEGINNING, GOD SAID

- i. God created man & woman in His own image (Gen.1:26-27)
- ii. God pronounced it very good after this last part of creation (Gen. 1:28-31)
- iii. But sin entered in and changed everything (Gen. 3:1-6)
- iv. Finding a wife is a good thing in God's eyes (Prov.18:22)

b. SOME OF CHRIST'S TEACHING ON MARRIAGE

- i. No divorce except for un-chastity (Matt. 5: 32)
- ii. Adultery of the mind and heart (Matt. 5:27-30)
- iii. God made them male and female (Matt. 19:4)
- iv. Leave and Cleave (Matt. 19:5-6)

c. SOME NEW TESTAMENT TEACHING ON MARRIAGE

- i. You and your spouse's identity in Christ - not each other (Gal. 2:20, Ps 73:25-26)
- ii. Guidance on husband/wife relationships (Eph. 5:22-33)
- iii. Live with your wives in an understanding manner (I Pet. 3: 7-12)
- iv. Responsibilities spouses have to each other (1 Cor. 7:3-4)
- v. Definition of Agape` type love (1 Cor. 13:4-8a)

8 things love is	8 things love is not
Patient (vs4)	Not jealous (vs4)
Kind (vs4)	Not bragging (vs4)
Rejoices in truth (vs6)	Not arrogant (vs4)
Bears all things (vs7)	Not unbecoming (vs5)
Believes all things (vs7)	Not seeking its own (vs5)
Hopes all things (vs7)	Not provoked (vs5)
Endures all things (vs7)	Not counting wrongs suffered (vs5)
Never fails (vs8a)	Not rejoice in unrighteousness (vs6)

III. TOOLS TO HELP IN YOUR MARRIAGE

- a. KNOWING THE STATE OF YOUR FLOCK (Prov. 27:23)
 - i. Know yourself (Ps 139:23-24)
 - ii. Know your wife (10 question handout)
 - iii. Know your children, all will be different (temperaments and love languages)
 - iv. Extra Biblical helps
 1. The Five Love Languages by Gary Chapman
 - a. Words of encouragement
 - b. Gift giving
 - c. Acts of service
 - d. Touch and closeness
 - e. Quality time
 2. Spirit - Controlled Temperament by Tim LaHaye
 - a. Choleric
 - b. Sanguine
 - c. Melancholy
 - d. Phlegmatic

b. HAVING A COMMON VISION

- i. A positive example from scripture, Aquila & Priscilla (Acts 18:1-3, 18:18-19, 18:24-27)
- ii. A negative example from scripture, Moses & Zipporah (Ex 4:19-20, 24-26, Ex 18:1-6, 27)
- iii. Developing a Common Vision
 - 1. Pray and ask God for what he wants the two of you to focus on
 - 2. Discussions with wife and others about possibilities
 - 3. What to do if you two have different visions of serving the Lord
 - 4. If not working to the same vision you will be at the very least out of step (Isa 30:21 KJV)

c. BEING A MAN OF INTEGRITY

- i. Even in your house walk in integrity not setting any worthless thing before your eyes (Ps 101:2)
- ii. You will not allow the “doings” of those who fall away to fasten its grip on you (Ps 101:3)
- iii. Walk in integrity before God, trust God without wavering (Ps 26:1-3)
- iv. Being careful influences (Ps 1:1-3)

d. ILLUSTRATION OF PITCHER AND CATCHER IN COMMUNICATION

- i. A good example (Judges 13:18-23)
- ii. A not so good example (Gen 16:2-6)
- iii. Never ask “what should I do? What would you do?”
- iv. Instead, ask, “what do you think about this? How do you feel about this?”
- v. Bottom line is “what does God want you to do” (Prov 3:5-6)

e. RELATIONSHIP BUILDERS

- i. Pray together
- ii. Play together
- iii. Plan together
- iv. Couch Time
- v. Quote verses before going to sleep (God’s word, last word)
- vi. Days in prayer, or even ½ days

IV. APPLICATION SCENARIOS

- a. (see hand-outs to be used for small group discussions)

V. CLOSING REMARKS AND QUESTIONS

10 Questions Every Husband should ask His Wife Annually

By Tom Elliff

Every year, Tom and Jeannie Elliff get away for a private retreat. Once, while sharing a meal in an intimate restaurant, Tom asked Jeannie the following questions—he wanted to listen to his wife's words and hear from her heart. These ten questions have become an annual exercise as Tom seeks to follow the apostle Paul's exhortation:

You husbands likewise, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with a weaker vessel, since she is a woman, and grant her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered. -- 1 Peter 3:7 (NASB)

1. What could I do to make you feel more loved?
2. What could I do to make you feel more respected?
3. What could I do to make you feel more understood?
4. What could I do to make you more secure?
5. What can I do to make you feel more confident in our future direction?
6. What attribute would you like me to develop?
7. What attribute would you like me to help you develop?
8. What achievement in my life would bring you greatest joy?
9. What would indicate to you that I really desire to be more Christ like?
10. What mutual goal would you like to see us accomplish?

SCENARIO #1

You are on your way home from a grueling, tension filled day at work. You shut your cell phone off in order to try to focus on the traffic and calm down. Your wife must have heard the garage door open, because as soon as you get out of the car, she opens the door to the kitchen and says, "Where have you been! Is your phone broken? You know I try not to call you at work and then I can't get hold of you!" By this time she has put out her hand to pull you into the house by your jacket.

"The dishwasher has broken and I can't get anyone to answer the phone at the repair place either!"

What is the correct thing to do now? What should have been done before this happened?

SCENARIO #2

You are on your way home from a grueling, tension filled day at work. You shut your cell phone off in order to try to focus on the traffic and calm down. Your wife must have heard the garage door open, because as soon as you get out of the car, she opens the door to the kitchen and says, "Be careful as you come in because the floor is still wet since the dishwasher broke and it flooded the kitchen. The kids and I have used all the towels we could to soak it up, but I don't know if we were able to keep it from spreading into the next room's rug."

What is the correct thing to do now? What should have been done before this happened?

SCENARIO #3

You are on your way home from a grueling, tension filled day at work. You shut your cell phone off in order to try to focus on the traffic and calm down. Your wife must have heard the garage door open, because as soon as you get out of the car, she opens the door to the kitchen and says, "The dishwasher broke today and flooded the kitchen. So, I called the store and they had one in stock. They are on their way now to deliver it."

What is the correct thing to do now? What should have been done before this happened?

SCENARIO #4

You and your family have only been in the neighborhood about four months, but already your wife seems to have made a good friend in the next door folks. Your hours have been long, but as you pull in the driveway, there they are-still talking at the fence. Inside, the kids are in their usual places, in front of their computers. They barely move a muscle when they answer your "hi" of greeting. You go looking in the fridge to see if there's anything to eat. You put the frozen lasagna in the oven. Forty minutes later, your wife comes in and sits down at the table. "You'll never guess what happened to Hortense today!"

What is the correct thing to do now? What should have been done before this happened?

SCENARIO #5

You and your family have only been in the neighborhood about four months, but already your wife seems to have made a good friend in the next door folks. Your hours have been long, but as you pull in the driveway, your wife is bidding the neighbor farewell and comes to greet you. You notice the woman at the fence is somewhat scowling at you. You and your wife go into the house and the dinner table is set. The smell of the cooking lasagna should bring the kids to the table in a hurry. As you all sit down to the table, your wife says, "I need to tell you the latest about our neighbors." The children pretend not to listen as they dig into their food. You have been wondering about the family life next door, but....

What is the correct thing to do now? What should have been done before this happened?

SCENARIO #6

You and your family have only been in the neighborhood about four months, but already your wife seems to have made a good friend in the next door folks. Your hours have been long, but as you pull into the driveway, you notice your wife has left the fence and gone inside through the back door. She greets you as you come in from the garage. The kids come also. You greet them and direct them to wash up for supper. The table is set and your wife brings the cooked lasagna to the table. The meal is delicious and the children get to tell about their day. You and your wife remain at the table as the children clear it. The children are sent elsewhere in the house and you and your wife begin to talk.

What is the correct thing to do now? What should have been done before this happened?