

THE MEANING OF MARRIAGE

Dating Sex & Marriage

SERIES BIG IDEA:

Intimacy is a gift to be _____ when I'm single and _____ when I'm married.

...those who marry will have worldly troubles...

1 Corinthians 7:28 (ESV)

CONTRACT CHARACTERISTICS

- Most often made for a _____ period of time.
- Most often deal with _____ actions.
- Based on an " _____ " mentality.
- Sometimes _____ and implicit.

Marriage is more than a _____.

COVENANT CHARACTERISTICS

- Initiated for the _____ of the other person.
- People show _____ love and make _____ promises.
- Commitments are _____.
- Requires confrontation and _____.

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Ephesians 5:21 (NIV)

_____ submission in all my relationships comes from my love for Jesus.

²²Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

Ephesians 5:22-24 (NIV)

A wife finds meaning in marriage by submitting to _____ and her _____.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸In this same way, husbands ought to love

their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— ³⁰for we are members of his body. ³¹For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." ³²This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. Ephesians 5:25-33 (NIV)

A husband finds meaning in marriage by _____ loving his wife just like Jesus has _____ loves him.

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

I find meaning in my marriage as I love and submit to my spouse in the _____ way I love and submit to Jesus.

Marriage is a _____ relationship where we are mutually submitted to each other as we submit to Jesus.

What type of marriage do I want?

Further reading for this week

Day 1: Genesis 2:22-24

Day 2: Malachi 2:13-16

Day 3: Mark 10:6-9

Day 4: 1 Corinthians 6:18-20

Day 5: 1 Corinthians 7:2-5

Day 6: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

OTHER RESOURCES:

Covenant Marriage by Gary Chapman

The Meaning of Marriage by Timothy Keller