



SERIES BIG IDEA:

We are to _____ and _____ in our homes the way our Heavenly Father loves and leads us.

- **I cannot be the perfect _____.**
- **I can reflect the Perfect Father by being a godly _____ who follows Jesus.**
- **God uses _____ to make us more like Jesus.**
- **God uses _____ to make us even more like Jesus.**

God is more interested in my _____ than He is my _____.

The well-being of our _____ is directly connected to the well-being of our _____.

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/stronger-the-broken-places/201411/the-greatest-gift-you-can-give-your-kids>

MARRIED TEACHING BIG IDEA:

A _____-centered _____ is the best gift we can give our children.

SINGLE'S TEACHING BIG IDEA:

A _____-centered _____ is the best gift to give to those around me.

My marriage is the _____ to my family.

Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

Hebrews 13:4 (NIV)

Marriage is to be _____ because it is a reflection of our _____ God.

They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth.

1 Timothy 4:3 (NIV)

Marriage is a _____ from God that we receive with thanksgiving.

³²I would like you to be free from concern. An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord's affairs—how he can please the Lord. ³³But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world—how he can please his wife—³⁴and his interests are divided. An unmarried woman or virgin is concerned about the Lord's affairs: Her aim is to be devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit. But a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world—how she can please her husband. ³⁵I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord.

1 Corinthians 7:32-35 (NIV)

Marriage is a _____ to the Lord by _____ to our spouse.

Being single is also a _____ so we can commit our lives to following Jesus.

¹Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children ²and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:1-2 (NIV)

We are to follow God's example of _____.



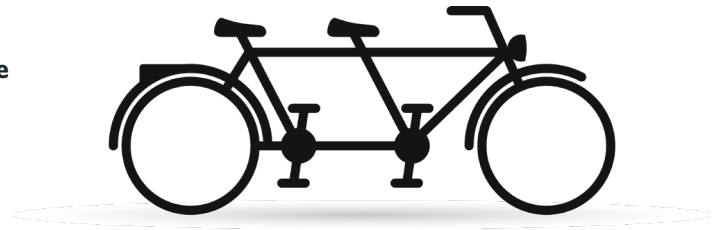
The best gift a husband can give is living Jesus-centered by _____ and _____ his wife the way Jesus loves him.

Ephesians 5:21-28

The best gift a wife can give is living Jesus-centered by _____ and _____ her husband the way Jesus loves her.

Ephesians 5:33

When Jesus is the _____ of our lives, we can make it through _____ in this life.



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TEACHING SUMMARY:

"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." ~ Galatians 2:20

Living a life centered on Christ is the call for all of us who call Jesus, Lord. It is also a gift. A Jesus-centered life is a gift given to us by God through the sacrifice of His son; and, it is a gift for us to give as an example to our spouse, children, and the people around us.

But how easy is it for us to be pulled into a life centered around something other than Jesus? How easy is it for us to find temporary fulfillment in our work, our relationships, our children, or any number of other things?

Those are all good things, but we are called to a God thing that is a life radically committed, in every way, to Jesus.

Is your life centered in such a way that it is a gift to your spouse, your children, and the others in your world? Do you need to repent and let Jesus take His place at the center of your life?

TALK IT OVER:

What would a life with Jesus firmly in the center look like?

What would be different about your life right now?

What, in your life, gets in the way of making Jesus the ultimate center of everything you do?

Do you view your life, in Christ, as a gift to those around you? Your marriage as a gift to your kids? Why or why not?

What is one next step you can take today?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS:

- Mon: Proverbs 22: 5 (AMP)
- Tue: Deuteronomy 4:5-10
- Wed: Hebrews 12:14-17
- Thu: Colossians 2:6-14 (AMP)
- Fri: Matthew 19:1-9
- Sat: Romans 6:1-18