

THE "LIFE AND BIBLE" SERIES
LIVING OUT OUR CHRISTIANITY WITH AN ATTITUDE

COLOSSIANS CHAPTER 1:9-14

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**BEING A CHRISTIAN
IN YOUR HOME – PART 1**

*A SERIES ON DEVELOPING A PRACTICAL AND EFFECTIVE WALK
WITH GOD AT ALL TIMES AND IN ALL SITUATIONS*

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Marriage, Home, Discipleship, Witness, Faithfulness

Introduction to the Text;

Colossians 1:9-14

The Theme and Textual Summation of the Passage

Colossians 1:9-14

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be **filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding**; :10 that you may **walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God**; :11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; :12 **giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. :13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, :14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins.**

Week 1-Being a Christian at Your Job

Week 2 Being a Christian in Your Relationships

finding a husband or a wife / finances / self-control / servanthood / time

Week 3 // Being A Christian In Your Home

"Life and the Bible"

being married / communication / raising kids / respecting him / loving her / sex and a whole lot more...

Why? - Because it's in "**Real Life**" That Christianity Excels
publicly, practically, & personally

Being a Christian in Your Home

husbands & wives // fathers & mothers // sisters and brothers
in-laws and out-laws & other sorts of relatives

what is divorce // preventing divorce
surviving divorce // remarriage

BEING A CHRISTIAN IN YOUR HOME

1.) What is marriage?

WHAT IS MARRIAGE ?

1a.) It's a picture

If the God of the Bible is a loving God,
then what does He say about marriage?

**The Institution of Marriage is a Spiritual
Covenant Relationship that The God of the Bible
has Created.**

By saying it's a picture we mean;
a model, a template, a pattern, a mystery !

Genesis 2:18

And the LORD God said, "It is **not good** (*not sufficient, unsatisfactory*) that man should be alone; I will make him a helper **comparable** (*suitable, adapted, complimentary*) to him."

WHAT IS MARRIAGE ?

1b.) It's a covenant

Marriage is a Spiritual, **Covenant**-Institution.
(it's not a contract)

a covenant is a "God Ordained" Ordinance

Genesis 2:23-25

And Adam said: "This *is* now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man." :24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. :25
And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed

The Lord Esteems It Highly

Jeremiah 3:14a

"Return, O backsliding children of Israel," says the LORD;
"for I am **married** to you.

Ephesians 5:31-32

"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." :32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

WHAT IS MARRIAGE ?

1c.) It's a foundation

Mark 10:8-9

and the two shall become one flesh'; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. :9
Therefore what God has joined together, **let not man separate.**"

**It's proven to be the best, most productive, and
successful platform to build a life and home upon !**

What happens when 2 become 1?

There's a collision of ideas and personalities and desires and ambitions – it's huge !

2 Lives are “Yielded” to the Other and to God.

**From The Foundation of Marriage
everything else happens in life**

**Marriage is to be an environment that creates.
a little universe and from it flows all of this amazing and wonderful realities.**

Genesis 24:67

Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent; and he took Rebekah and she became his wife, and he loved her

BEING A CHRISTIAN IN YOUR HOME

2.) What does a marriage do?

WHAT DOES A MARRIAGE DO ?

2a.) It binds two individuals together

Matthew 19:4-6

And He answered and said to them, “Have you not read that He who made *them* at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’ :5 and said, “*For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh*’? :6 So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.”

This “One Flesh” Union

is “a binding” that God holds very precious.

to Him, marriage is a triune relationship.

it's a spiritual, emotional and physical union in concert.

He Warns About Its Spiritual Significance

1 Corinthians 6:16-18

Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body *with her*? For “*the two,*” He says, “*shall become one flesh.*” :17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit *with Him*. :18 Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.

Malachi 2:14-16

“....The LORD has been a witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant. :15 “But not one has done so who has a remnant of the Spirit. And what did that one do while he was seeking a godly offspring? Take heed then, to your spirit, and let no one deal treacherously against the wife of your youth. :16 “For I hate divorce,”

It creates binding companionship

WHAT DOES A MARRIAGE DO ?

2b.) It establishes a family order

the word “order” or “family order” almost sounds militant, even insistent! guess what - it is !

at all cost, a man is to teach and educate his wife & family.

Deuteronomy 4:9

Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren,

At all cost, a man is to provide and protect his wife & family.

1 Timothy 5:8

But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

**Either by propagation or adoption,
a family becomes a temple, a nucleus.**

The Value of a Family Cannot be Overstated

Psalm 103:17-18

But the mercy of the LORD *is* from everlasting to everlasting On those who fear Him,
And His righteousness to children’s children, :18 To such as keep His covenant, And
to those who remember His commandments to do them.

WHAT DOES A MARRIAGE DO ?

2c.) It creates a culture of life

a marriage most often leads a family,
and a family is the nucleus of a community.
(a family creates, **community**, which creates **state** which creates **nation**)

Matthew 5:13a

“You are the salt of the earth;

BEING A CHRISTIAN IN YOUR HOME

3.) What gives in a marriage ?

WHAT GIVES IN A MARRIAGE ?

3a.) You do - whenever you talk

Just like wind currents and temperatures create weather,
so words create the weather, the atmosphere of a marriage.

Ephesians 4:29

Let no **corrupt** word proceed out of your mouth, but what is **good** for necessary
edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

corrupt

sapro/β sapos, sap-ros´ to undermine, to make rotten,
or worthless, to destroy or to be destructive,

good

ajgaqo/β agathos, ag-ath-os´; to be a benefit, a constructor, one who adds to the
building of a great cathedral.

edification

oijkodomh/ oikodome, oy-kod-om-ay'; the architect, or architecture that comes forth.
the structure, the building, the edifice.

Proverbs 15:28a

The heart of the righteous studies how to answer,

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Therefore comfort each other and edify one another,
just as you also are doing.

WHAT GIVES IN A MARRIAGE ?

3b.) You do - whenever you listen

How you listen to your husband or wife **determines**
the next moment in your marriage relationship.

Carefully listen to the words.

Good listeners – listen without being a **problem solver**.

Good listeners listen to understand. (in their shoes)

James 1:19

So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, **(2 ears)**
slow to speak, **(1 mouth)** slow to wrath; **(less trouble)**

Listening Goes Both Ways;

Ladies, when your husband compliments you on your looks
or your body or your work - - **you had better receive it.**

Ladies, when you put yourself down, it hurts us guys

Galatians 6:8

For he who sows to his flesh **(celebrity magazines and glamour mags.)**
will of the flesh reap corruption,

Proverbs 31:28

Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband *a/so*, and he praises her:

WHAT GIVES IN A MARRIAGE ?

3c.) You do – whenever you look

Every husband and wife should look at each other with affection and you should get “caught” looking.

Genesis 26:8-9

Now it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked through a window, and saw, and there was Isaac, showing endearment to Rebekah his wife. :9 Then Abimelech called Isaac and said, “Quite obviously she *is* your wife; so how could you say, ‘She *is* my sister?’”

“Look” if in your marriage this isn’t happening, then ask the lord to give you eyes for your spouse.

Can I add something else.

Pornography will totally destroy a marriage.
“Pornia is Satan’s greatest long range weapon in his arsenal to devalue marriage and the home.

There is no husband or wife on earth
that can be free and expressive and joyful about sex when there’s the fear of “what do I look like to him or her.”

So how should it be?

With looks of affection, appreciation, of compliments, & sensuality

Song of Solomon 2:9-10 NET

My lover is like a gazelle like a young stag. Look! There he stands behind our wall, gazing through the windows, peering through the lattice. :10 My lover spoke and said to me, “Arise, my darling, my beautiful one, and come away with me.

Song of Solomon 2:14

“O my dove, in the clefts of the rock, In the secret *places* of the cliff, Let me see your face, Let me hear your voice; For your voice *is* sweet, And your face *is* lovely.”

All You Husbands Here Tonight
(His Channel Husbands Too)

Song Of Solomon 4:1-9

Behold, you are fair, my love! Behold, you are fair! You have dove's eyes behind your veil. Your hair is like a flock of goats, Going down from Mount Gilead. :2 Your teeth are like a flock of shorn sheep Which have come up from the washing, Every one of which bears twins, And none is barren among them. :3 Your lips are like a strand of scarlet, And your mouth is lovely. Your temples behind your veil Are like a piece of pomegranate. :4 Your neck is like the tower of David, Built for an armory, On which hang a thousand bucklers, All shields of mighty men. :5 Your two breasts are like two fawns, Twins of a gazelle, Which feed among the lilies. :6 Until the day breaks And the shadows flee away, I will go my way to the mountain of myrrh And to the hill of frankincense. :7 You are all fair, my love, And there is no spot in you. :8 Come with me from Lebanon, my spouse, With me from Lebanon. Look from the top of Amanah, From the top of Senir and Hermon, From the lions' dens, From the mountains of the leopards. :9 You have ravished my heart, My sister, my spouse; You have ravished my heart **With one look of your eyes,**

WHAT GIVES IN A MARRIAGE ?

3d.) You do – whenever you think

As Christians, we're fighting a constant battle against the forces of lust and immorality. The assault comes in the form of magazine ads to television commercials to highway billboards.

Your marriage and your home

We want to ask the Lord to
>> fill our minds with thoughts for our
husbands and wives. <<

We've been created with an imagination.

Sensuality is a God thing – This world has Stolen It

Proverbs 5:15-20

Drink water from your own cistern, And running water from your own well. :16 Should your fountain be dispersed abroad, Streams of water in the streets? :17 Let them be only your own, And not for strangers. :18 Let your fountain be blessed, **And rejoice with the wife of your youth.** :19 As a loving deer and a graceful doe, Let her breasts satisfy you at all times; And always be enraptured with her love. :20 For why should you, my son, be enraptured by an immoral woman, And be embraced in the arms of a seductress?

WHAT GIVES IN A MARRIAGE ?

3e.) You do – whenever you touch

Sexual and non-sexual touch is a powerful part of a marriage.

How do you view that, what do you see?

Some people have more of a **corporate-style** marriage.
(that can be good in a way – but it doesn't work fully)

Some people have more of a **friendship-style** marriage.
(that can be good in a way – but it doesn't work fully)

Some people have more of an **erotic-style** marriage.
(that can be good in a way – but it doesn't work fully)

The Marriage Bed

Hebrews 13:4

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

Why did God invent sex?

What are the guidelines that God has given regarding sex?

The power of sex when used properly?

How important is sex to a marriage?

What are the benefits of sex in marriage

What question should you ask?

“Why?”

That's right, why should you pray ?

End of Study