

# cross fit

finding wholeness in a broken world

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## Sermon Notes

### “Marriage 101” 1Peter 3:1-7

Singleness and Marriage are both Gift's From God (1Cor.7:27-31). Human romance is a glorious experience but even the best is a gift from God and a pointer to the ultimate experience of knowing God's love (Ps63:3; John 4:13-14). If you don't develop a deeply fulfilling relationship with Jesus Christ you will either be poorly married or poorly single (2Pet1:3).

#### **MARRIAGE:** (Foundational Biblical Truths about Marriage)

- Marriage is **God's Idea**: It is a lifelong, monogamous relationship between a man and a woman. (Genesis2:24-25; Matt19:1-6; Mark7:20-23)
- Men & women are **equal** in importance but **different** in performance complimenting one another for an enduring whole life union. (Gen1:26, 2:18-25; Gal3:28)
- Marriage is to be a **reenactment** of the Gospel of Jesus Christ that **refines** our character and **creates a stable** community for the birth and nurture of Children. (Eph5:25-26, 32, 6:1-4; Gen1:27-28)

#### **HUSBANDS:** Lead w/ Love (Eph5:25; Mark 10:42-45; John13:12-16)

- **Study** her comprehensively v7a “live...in an understanding way”
- **Honor** her with chivalry v7b “showing honor...as the weaker vessel”
- **Serve** her compellingly v7c “they are heirs with you of the grace of life”

#### **WIVES:** Follow w/ Respect (Eph5:22-23)

- Let your **actions** speak to Him louder than your words of the gospel. Vv1-2 “be subject...that they may be won without a word...”
- Let your **inner beauty** attract Him more than your outer beauty. Vv3-4 “but the hidden person of the heart” (Pro11:22, 31:10-31; 1Tim4:8)
- Let your **admiration** of Him make Him want to be a more godly man. Vv5-6 “Sarah obeyed...calling Him lord...”

V7 “...so that your prayers may not be hindered.” This is an elliptical expression (R.C. Sproul): If husbands fail to submit to their role & responsibility to lead their wives with love, their prayers will be hindered and the same is true for wives if they fail to follow with respect.

## Growing Notes

1) Human romance is a glorious experience but even the best is a gift from God and a pointer to the ultimate experience of knowing God's love (Ps63:3; John 4:13-14). Explain. Why do you think that if you don't develop a deeply fulfilling relationship with Jesus Christ you will either be poorly married or poorly single (2Pet1:3)?

2) Read 1Peter 3:1-7. Anything in particular stand out to you from this text? In light of the current same-sex marriage debate who came up with the idea of marriage & how is it defined (Gen2:24-25)? How did Jesus define marriage (Matt19:1-6; Mark7:20-23)? What does it mean that men & women are equal in importance but different in performance complimenting one another (Gen1:26, 2:18-25; Gal3:28)? How is marriage a reenactment of the Gospel of Jesus Christ that refines character and creates a stable place for children to be nurtured (Eph5:25-26, 32; Gen1:27-28; Eph6:1-4)?

3) What does it mean that husbands are to lead with love (Eph5:25; Mark 10:42-45; John13:12-16)? Take a few minutes and review the three statements from the sermon notes under how a husband leads his wife with love. Give an illustration of what each of those might look like in a marriage relationship.

4) A wife's submission to her husband is never blind or absolute but always respectful (Eph5:22-23). Explain. Take a few minutes and review the three statements from the sermon notes under how a wife is to follow with respect. Give an illustration of what each of those might look like in a marriage relationship. In v7 “...so that your prayers may not be hindered” is an elliptical expression that applies to both husband & wife. What does it mean? How is Jesus' sacrificial love for us both the pattern & power for us to sacrificially love our spouse? Pray for the marriages at db!