

Homework

Lessons 14 & 15

The Marriage Relationship

1. **Memory Verse:** 1 Peter 3:1 & 7
2. **Read** Lessons 14 & 15.
3. **Study** principle found on page 2 of each Lesson. LOOK UP scripture references to discuss in your small group.
4. **Explain** the importance of examining ourselves in marriage (Lesson 14) and the importance of biblical communication (Lesson 15).
5. **Explain** the importance of biblical submission in our lives. (Include the reason for submission). If you are single, are you called to be submissive to others? If so, to whom? Why?
6. **Write** out a “Doctrine of Singleness”. In it discuss the relevant passages in Genesis 2, Matthew 19, and I Corinthians 7.
7. **Answer** the following questions using scripture as your reference:
 - What happened between Genesis 2:18 and I Corinthians 7:26-35?
 - What are the advantages and disadvantages of singleness?
 - What should be the single person’s attitude toward marriage?
 - If a single person seeks to be married, how should he/she prepare for marriage?



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THIS WEEKS MEMORY VERSES

1 Peter 3:1 (NKJV) Wives, likewise, *be* submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives,
1 Peter 3:7 (NKJV) Husbands, likewise, dwell with *them* with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as *being* heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

The primary purposes of these lessons are:

- To present God's plan for marriage.
- To teach how to deal with marital _____ in a way that pleases the Lord.
- To define biblical submission.
- To help overcome problems in marriage through biblical _____.

GOD'S VIEW:

- Marriage is not a social convenience; it's a _____ of companionship.**
Genesis 2:18
- Marriage is meant to keep us set apart in our physical relationship with one another.**
Hebrews 13:4
- The marriage relationship is designed to be one of unity and _____.**
Mark 10:1-9
- Marriage reflects the loving relationship between Christ and the church.**
Ephesians 5:21-27

SUBMIT – “Wives, obey (submit) your husbands.” Submit is a very mild word. It is a loving word. It means to _____ to your own husband as unto the Lord.

The way we respond to the Lord is that we love Him because He first _____ us.
Woman is the responder, and man is the aggressor.

When a man says he has a cold wife, it is most likely because she has a cold husband. He is not being the husband that Christ has called him to be. How did Jesus show the full extent of His love for us? Jesus gave the ultimate example of sacrifice as He hung there on the cross of Calvary for mankind, who had rejected His message of forgiveness. Paul is expressing the standard of _____ to which husbands are to love their wives.

“Most men and women want to be married, it's being married that we find difficult.” The bottom line on this passage is that God knows how difficult it is for women to submit to their husbands and how difficult it is for husbands to love their wives. Our hope is found in allowing God to give us the desire and the strength to do it. It's been said, “that a _____ marriage is one in which you fall in love many times.....always with the same person.” That can only happen if we follow **God's plan** according to His Word.

Submission was not a new concept to the woman of that time. What was a new concept, - - - was that _____ should also voluntarily submit to their wives.

So we see that in 1 Peter 3:1 (NKJV) **The command is:** Wives, likewise, *be* submissive to your own husbands **And the principle and promise is:** that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives,
Peter is telling us that the wife may be the only Bible her husband ever reads, and the concept is that it is better to see a _____, than hear a sermon.

1 Peter 3:7 (NKJV) **The command and the principle are:** Husbands, likewise, dwell with *them* with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as *being* heirs together of the grace of life, **and the promise is:** that your prayers may not be hindered.

The single most important factor to remember when the Christian gives thought to marriage is: Isaiah 54:5 (NKJV) For your Maker *is* your husband, The LORD of hosts *is* His name; And your Redeemer *is* the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of the whole earth.

If Jesus is not the Lord of your _____ - _____, He's not the Lord of your life!

A note to those who are single.....

Our Heavenly Father knows if we are ready for marriage. God does not give you one of His son's or daughter's to love and care for and nurture.....until you - - - are content being loved, cared for, and nurtured, by God alone first. If one of His sons or daughters is not ready, He's not going to put them together. Success in marriage is not so much a matter of finding the right person, as it is being the right person.

READY FOR HIS RETURN