

Series: Biblical Relationships

WEEK 4

C – Finding God’s Balance in Marriage

There are two extremes in marriage that will result in a failure to accomplish the mission.

- 1) Ignoring your spouse’s **NEEDS** results in divorce or the “roommate” factor
 - One or both believers must put away their Bibles and turn from God in order to divorce.
 - Some Christians will **NOT** divorce, but they become content with their own separate lives – they end up as “roommates” ...
- 2) Becoming “too married” and **IGNORING** God’s mission
 - The family is everything to the relationship.
 - The family consumes and encompasses everything they do.
 - God is **NOT** involved!
 - Outsiders often look and say, “*They are a perfect couple*” ...
 - i. And yet they never accomplish anything for Christ!
 - ii. They will die, go to heaven, and have failed in their mission!
 - iii. Example of couple that was married 65 years
 1. Believers the whole time - never missed a Sunday, bake sale, etc.
 2. Kids do not serve the Lord
 3. Never led anyone to Christ
 4. Good people though!!! (**SAME** results as couple under #1)

Finding a balance between the two extremes

- 1) The **LORDSHIP** of Christ – see Eph 5:22-33 (see “Christ” over and over)
 - It does not take 2 people to have a successful marriage, but 3!
 - Christ is the common person in the marriage relationship!
 - Our marriage, as believers, will only be as strong as our personal relationships with **CHRIST!**
 - Because your spouse will not fulfill you!!

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2) The Essence of Lordship: **KNOWING** God – see Job 22:21

- That is how you got married...you get to know each other.
- It is the same with God.
- When men and women feel unfulfilled, it is a great time to fall in love with God
– to “*know*” Him – use in the Bible (1 Chr 28:9; Ps 9:10; John 17:3)

3) Practical Lordship: **WALKING** with God – see Genesis 5:22-24

1. It has been calculated that there were **8** billion people on the earth at this time in history!?!?!?
2. There was only **1** that “*pleased God*” ...
3. No one was like Enoch or ever will be (*Heb 11:5*) – his testimony
... except **US!** (Enoch is a type of the New Testament Church)
4. Consider Enoch’s life:
 - He was saved at age 65 ...
 - He walked with God afterward ...
 - He lived just prior to **JUDGMENT** coming ...