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Me Marriages

1. Most couples say that they are getting married because "We love each other!"
2. Most couples say that they love each other because, "He/She makes me happy!"
3. But, I love you because you make me happy is not love for you; it is love for myself.

The Happy Trap

1. Expecting life to be happy
2. Expecting things to make me happy
3. Expecting other people to make me happy

The Happiness Paradox

1. The more I expect people to make me happy, the more unhappy I will be.

2. The more I seek to make other people happy, the more happy I will be.

The Purpose for Marriage

1. The first purpose of marriage is companionship.
Genesis 2:18 The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."
2. The second purpose of marriage is partnership.
3. The third purpose of marriage is authorship.
Genesis 1:28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it . . ."
4. The ultimate purpose of marriage is worship.
Genesis 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."

Marriage as the Model

1. Marriage is a model of self-sacrifice, rather than self-centeredness.
2. Marriage is a model of seeking to please, rather than to be pleased.

3. Marriage is a model of our relationship to God.

Ephesians 5:25 *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her . . .*