How To Have A Solid Marriage #3 February 18, 2024

- MARRIAGE -- Is Designed By God To Be: Whole, Complete, Strong & Lasting
- MARRIAGE -- Built By God's Plan Will Be A Strong Structure

• MARRIAGE — the union of a man and a woman as husband and wife, which becomes the foundation for a home and family.

We Must Learn How To Avoid The Things That Can Break Apart And Fracture The Marriage Bonds.

#### If A Fracture Exists Any Pressure Or Stress Can Bring Down The Entire Structure.

• Marriages Can Implode Through Fractures Much Like A Stress Fracture Can Destroy A Building Or Collapse A Bridge

Watch Out For Things That Fracture.

• A Fracture Is Anything That Surfaces In You Or Your Partner And Sucks The Life & Strength Out Of Your Marriage.

Fractures Often Surface In The Form Of Addictions Like Gambling, Drugs, Or Pornography.

• These Addictions Often Come With A Promise To Please – But They Don't -- In Truth They Splinter, Divide, And Destroy

Things That Fracture Consume Progressively More Of Your Thoughts, Time And Money.

• They Steal Your Loyalty And Heart From Those You Love.

• Gambling, Alcohol & Drug Abuse, Pornography: "Fracture And Diminish The Quality Of A Person's Life & Marriage"

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Four Facts About Temptation:

# 1. People Who Think They Are Standing Firm Must Be Careful So They Don't Fall

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#### 2. Every Temptation You Face Has Been Faced By Others

(13) No temptation has seized you except what is common to man.

#### 3. It Is Possible To Resist Temptation

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#### 4. God Gives A Way Out Of Every Temptation

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#### The 3 Kinds Of Temptations In This World

(1 John 2:16 NIV) For everything in the world--the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does--comes not from the Father but from the world.

- 1. The Cravings Of Our Bodies
- 2. The Lust Of Our Eyes
- 3. The Pride Of Our Hearts

The Cravings Of Our Bodies Are "Materialism," Or "Sensualism"

• The Lust Of The Eyes Is "Greed"

• The "Boasting Of What We Do" Is The Pride Of Our Hearts

#### Giving Into Any One Of These Temptations Can Unleash A Strength Robbing Fracture Into Your Life & Relationships

- Pornography
- Drugs And Alcohol
- Gambling

Jesus Showed Us It Is Possible To Face Temptation & Resist It

#### The 1st Temptation Of Christ Was The Temptation To: Turn Stones To Bread

• A Temptation To Satisfy The Cravings Of His Body

The 2nd Temptation: Was The Temptation To Throw Himself Down From The Highest Point Of The Temple

• The Temptation Towards Pride

The 3rd Temptation Of Christ: "If You Worship Me..."All Of This Will Be Yours:

• This Is The Temptation Towards Greed

# We Can Resist Satan's Advances The Same Way That Jesus Did

- 1. Jesus Was Led By The Spirit
- 2. Jesus Used The Word
- 3. Jesus Answered, Satan's Deceptive Temptations With The Word

#### We Can't Afford To Allow Fracturing Appetites Into Our Lives They Will Attempt To Weaken and Destroy Us

- Things that Fracture Relationships Will Destroy Your Marriage
- God Has Provided A Way Out So That You Can Resist These Things that want to Destroy You

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#### **How To Break Free From Temptation:**

1. Pray That The Lord Will Keep You From Temptation

2. Make A Covenant With Yourself

3. Divert Your Thoughts

#### 4. Look For A Way Out

• There Is A Way Out—take It!!!

#### 5. Use The Power Of The Word Of God

6. Don't Battle In Your Strength But In God's Strength

7. Don't Put Yourself In Compromising Situations

8. Run Fast From Sin And Temptation

9. Ask Forgiveness & Resolve To Do Better

10. Start Again

#### **Solid Marriage Challenge:**

Is There A Fracture From Which You Need To Break Free?

- 1. Make A Good Covenant With Your Mind
- 2. Determine To Find A Way Out
- 3. Think Good Thoughts
- 4. Flee From Sin

**Our Father** 

- Who Art In Heaven,
- Hallowed Be Thy Name.
- Thy Kingdom Come.
- Thy Will Be Done
- On Earth As It Is In Heaven.

Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread

- And Forgive Us Our Debts
- As We Forgive Our Debtors

And Lead Us Not Into Temptation,

• But Deliver Us From Evil.

For Yours Is The Kingdom

- And The Power
- And The Glory
- Forever.
- Amen.