

Main Service



Mariage to the Glory of God

Marriage and the Gift of Sanctification - Part 2
Selected Scriptures

We have studied two categories of gospel transformation:

Category 1: The Gospel Transforms You

Category 2: The Gospel Transforms Marriage

Truth 1: The Gospel Transforms Wives (22-24)

Truth 2: The Gospel Transforms Husbands (25-30)

Truth 3: The Gospel is Illustrated by Marriage (31-34)

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1. The Call to Sanctification

- Truth 1: Sanctification Demands Your Maximum Effort
(vs. 12)
- Truth 2: Sanctification is Accomplished by God Alone
(vs. 13)

2. The Process of Sanctification

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Three Important Principles for Pursuing Sanctification

Principle 1: Remove the Log Before the Speck

Matthew 7:1-5

¹“Do not judge so that you will not be judged. ²For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you. ³Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’

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and behold, the log is in your own eye? ⁵You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

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James 4:1-3

¹What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? ²You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives,

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so that you may spend it on your pleasures.

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Conflicts

to engage in heated discussion without the use of
weapons, fight, quarrels (BDAG)



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Proverbs 12:18

¹⁸There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts of
a sword,
But the tongue of the wise brings healing.

Luke 6:44-45

⁴⁴For each tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a briar bush. ⁴⁵The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart.

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Calvin

“... he who suffers (allows) his propensities (impulses) to rule uncontrolled, will know no end to his lust. Were even the world given to him, he would wish other worlds be created for him.

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Two Illustrations

Illustration 1: Unfulfilled Lust Leads to Murder

Illustration 2: Unbridled Envy Leads to Fighting

Proverbs 14:12

¹²There is a way which seems right to a man,
But its end is the way of death.

Proverbs 16:2

²All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight,
But the LORD weighs the motives.

1 Corinthians 4:3-5

³But to me it is a very small thing that I may be examined by you, or by any human court; in fact, I do not even examine myself. ⁴For I am conscious of nothing against myself, yet I am not by this acquitted; but the one who examines me is the Lord. ⁵Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, but wait until the Lord comes who

1 Corinthians 4:3-5

will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of men's hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God.

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Principle 3: Kill Sin at Its Root

Romans 12:17-21

¹⁷Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.

¹⁹Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord. ²⁰"BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED

Romans 12:17-21

HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK;
FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING
COALS ON HIS HEAD." ²¹Do not be overcome by
evil, but overcome evil with good.

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Example 1: The Saturday Shopping Fiasco

The Situation: a man is out shopping with his family one Saturday and is consistently short tempered and rushing everyone through every store.

Perceived Root Cause: The wife is an excessively slow shopper, and the children are being disruptive in a public place.

Background: There was a highly anticipated college football game on TV at the exact same time and the man had been eagerly planning to watch it all week!

Actual Root Cause: Selfishness- "this shopping trip is interrupting my plan for the day!"

Example 2: The Messy Room Diversion

The Situation: A man/woman lashes out in anger at his/her teenage daughter because of her messy room.

Perceived Root Cause: The child's continual disregard for parental instruction about cleanliness.

Background: A friend dropped by unexpectedly and made a joke about the child's messy room. This embarrassed the parent and pricked his/her pride, and it resulted in an angry outburst at the child once the friend left.

Actual Root Cause: Pride and the fear of man.



Example 3: The Schooling Choice Mirage

The Situation: a husband comes home from work to a messy house and a wife who is stressed out and crying after a hard day of homeschooling. The husband responds by immediately declaring that the kids will be going back to public school in the Fall. This sparks a heated argument between the two.

Perceived Root Cause: The husband is concerned for his wife's health and sanity.

Background: The husband had hoped for a quiet romantic evening with his wife.

Actual Root Cause: Selfishness and possibly the idolization of the physical relationship in marriage.

Conflict Analysis Worksheet Explanation:

1. What was the conflict about on the surface?
2. When did the disagreement turn into an argument?
3. What did I want in that moment that I did not get?
4. What was the conflict truly about?
5. What is the heart sin that I needed to put off?
6. What was the righteous virtue I needed to put on?

Assignment: Worksheets

1. The Conflict Analysis Worksheet
2. The Log Worksheet
3. The Root vs Fruit Worksheet
4. The Process of Change Worksheet

Two Resources: Booklets

- From Pride to Humility
- Selfishness

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Conclusion:

1. Remove The Log from Your Eye
2. Confess Sin To God And Others
3. Make a Plan for Heart Change