

Main Service



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Marriage to the Glory of God

Marriage and the Gift of Sanctification - Part 3

Selected Scriptures

Lou Priolo: "I can tell you, without any fear of contradiction, that the root cause of virtually all enduring marriage conflicts is selfishness."

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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)

1. The Call to Sanctification
2. The Process of Sanctification

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Principle 4: Walk By the Spirit

Galatians 5:1-15

¹It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery. ²Behold I, Paul, say to you that if you receive circumcision, Christ will be of no benefit to you. ³And I testify again to every man who receives circumcision, that he is under obligation to keep the whole Law. ⁴You have

Galatians 5:1-15

been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace. ⁵For we through the Spirit, by faith, are waiting for the hope of righteousness. ⁶For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith working through love. ⁷You were running well; who hindered you from obeying the truth?

Galatians 5:1-15

⁸This persuasion did not come from Him who calls you. ⁹A little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough. ¹⁰I have confidence in you in the Lord that you will adopt no other view; but the one who is disturbing you will bear his judgment, whoever he is. ¹¹But I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why am I still persecuted? Then the stumbling

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block of the cross has been abolished. ¹²I wish that those who are troubling you would even mutilate themselves. ¹³For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Galatians 5:1-15

¹⁴For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." ¹⁵But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

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¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. ¹⁷For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. ¹⁹Now the deeds of the flesh are evident,

Galatians 5:16-26

which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality,
²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy,
outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions,
²¹envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like
these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have
forewarned you, that those who practice such
things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But

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the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

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²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.

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Colossians 3:16

¹⁶Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

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1. Spirit Saturated Thoughts

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.

2. Spirit Saturated Words

Ephesians 4:29 Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.

3. Spirit Saturated Actions

1 Corinthians 10:31 Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

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Principle 5: Foster Marital Oneness

Commitment 1: Commit to Biblical Communication

Aspect 1: Quantity

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Aspect 1: Quantity

3 Categories of Communication:

- Daily Communication
- Weekly Communication
- Annual Communication

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Aspect 1: Quantity

Aspect 2: Quality

Helpful Resource: "Communication and Conflict Resolution"

Stuart Scott

1. You must want to please God more than anything else.

Romans 11:36 *For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.*

2. You must be humble.

Proverbs 18:2

²A fool does not delight in understanding,
But only in revealing his own mind.

Proverbs 3:7

⁷Do not be wise in your own eyes;
Fear the LORD and turn away from evil.

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1. You must want to please God more than anything else.
2. You must be humble.
3. You must be aware that you are accountable to God for everything you communicate.

Matthew 12:36

³⁶But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment.

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Proverbs 18:13

¹³He who gives an answer before he hears,
It is folly and shame to him.

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James 4:17

¹⁷Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.

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6. You must be willing to put forth the effort and spend the time it takes to communicate.

Romans 12:10-12

¹⁰Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; ¹¹not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; ¹²rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer,

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Before You Confront:

1. Remove the log in your own eye before you initiate confrontation.
2. Is the issue over a matter of sin or preference?
3. Is this action a pattern or a single occurrence?
4. Ask, can I cover this with grace?
5. Commit to assume the best of the persons character and motives.
6. Remember that your knowledge is limited.
7. Pray and ask the Lord's help.

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The Process of Confrontation:

- Set the conversation up for edification and unity.
 - Ephesians 4:29 “according to the need of the moment so that it will give grace to those who hear”
- Begin with genuine love and affirmation.
- Attack the problem and not the person.
- Avoid hyperbole, dishonesty, and other forms of inflammatory speech.

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Receiving Confrontation:

- Do not interrupt the other person.
- Listen with mind and body!
- Ask questions to ensure you accurately understand the concern.
- Remember that humility asks, “what is true about this critique”, pride seeks to self-defend, blame shift, minimize, and poke holes in the persons argument.
- Ask for forgiveness for any sin that has been revealed and commit to making genuine efforts towards obedience in the future.

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Commitment 1: Commit to Biblical Communication

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Commitment 3: Commit to Biblical Companionship

- Prioritize quality time together.
- Prioritize prayer for and with one another.
- Read and discuss God's word together.
- Maximize shared interests.
- Proactively learn to selflessly love one another.

Titus 2:3-4

³Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, ⁴so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,

Ecclesiastes 9:9

⁹Enjoy life with the woman whom you love all the days of your fleeting life which He has given to you under the sun; for this is your reward in life and in your toil in which you have labored under the sun.

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Commitment 3: Commit to Biblical Companionship

- Prioritize the physical relationship in marriage.
- Arrange your life according to your biblical priorities. (God, Marriage, Children, Others)

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Conclusion:

1. Is the Glory of God the Goal of Your Marriage?
2. Is the Fruit of the Spirit on Display in Your Marriage?
3. Is the Pursuit of Oneness a Priority in Your Marriage?