



> "By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous..."



"...glory and excellence. And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share..."





"...his divine nature escape the world's corruption caused by human desires."

2 Peter 1:3-4





We have everything we need from God to live godly lives.





We are THRIVING right now





We are STRIVING right now





We are DIVING right now





"God created marriage to be a picture that displays Christ to the world."

Francis Chan



"...a lifelong, monogamous relationship between a man and a woman. According to the bible, God devised marriage to reflect the saving love for..."



stable human community for the birth and nurture..."

"...us in Christ, to refine our character, to create



"...of children to accomplish all this by bringing like union."

the complementary sexes into an enduring whole

Timothy Keller





Marriage displays Christ to the world, specifically God's love for us. (Ephesians 5:32)





between a man and a woman. (Matthew 19:6)

Marriage is a lifelong monogamous relationship





by our love for the other."

"Marriage is a key relationship used for refining our character. We are supposed to be challenged





"Marriage is God's way to stabilize human communities - the home, church and world."





"Marriage is for the birth and nurture of children to grow up and serve God and advance His Kingdom."





whole life fellowship."

"Marriage displays not only God's saving love for us, but His drawing us into oneness with Him in





"In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may..."





"...be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life.

1 Peter 3:7





Husbands are first told to give honor to their wives. A husband is to recognize his wife's needs, and show respect.



He is to see first - not to demand her to understand him - he is to go after first to understand her, and seek to live together with her - that is get along with her.





The weakness Peter mentions here is physical strength but she is not morally weaker, spiritually weaker or intellectually weaker...





... in fact man and woman are EQUAL PARTNERS in this gift of NEW LIFE! And that is the goal of marriage!



WE'VE GOT "Its not that God doesn't want us to be happy. In fact THIS surrendering to a kingdom-first mindset actually brings us greater fulfillment. When we seek his mission together, greater union with each other becomes the byproduct. Jesus came that we could have life to the full (John 10:10). But we need to remember that the goal of marriage isn't mere happiness. It's very possible to have a happy and worthless marriage. It's possible to waste your life merely enjoying your spouse and children, then stand before God realizing you didn't give yourself to his Great Commission." Francis Chan





be earnest and disciplined in your prayers."

"The end of the world is coming soon. Therefore, 1 Peter 4:7





"Most important of all, continue to show deep sins."

love for each other, for love covers a multitude of

1 Peter 4:8





"Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay." 1 Peter 4:9

