

Build a Godly Marriage Spirit Empowered Living – Part 6

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Genesis 1:27 (ESV) So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:28 (ESV) And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion ... over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Genesis 2:24 (ESV) Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

1. Living out a godly _____

1 Corinthians 7:2 (ESV) But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband.

1 Corinthians 7:5 (ESV) Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

1 Corinthians 7:7 (ESV) I wish that all were as I myself am. But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another.

2. Dealing with marital _____

1 Corinthians 7:8 (ESV) To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single as I am.

1 Corinthians 7:10-11 (ESV) To the married I give this charge (not I, but the Lord): the wife should not separate from her husband (but if she does, she should remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband), and the husband should not divorce his wife.

1 Corinthians 7:13 (ESV) If any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever, and he consents to live with her, she should not divorce him.

1 Corinthians 7:16 (ESV) For how do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife?

3. Having proper _____ in marriage

1 Corinthians 7:32 (ESV) I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord.

1 Corinthians 7:33 (ESV) But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife,

1 Corinthians 7:35 (ESV) I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily time of Bible reading & prayer (1 Corinthians 7)
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

Invite a friend to attend the service next week.

How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

Build a Godly Marriage Study Guide

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Intro. What does it mean to be created in God's image (Genesis 1:27)?

Intro. What are God's purposes for marriage (Genesis 1:28)?

Intro. How do a husband and wife become one flesh (Genesis 2:24)?

Intro. What are some of the attacks on marriage in our culture? What are Satan's goals with these attacks?

1A. Why do you think that Paul emphasized sexual morality when writing about marriage (1 Corinthians 7:2)?

1B. What do you think are God's purposes regarding sex in marriage (1 Corinthians 7:5)?

1C. How does God gift people differently regarding being married or single (1 Corinthians 7:7)?

1D. In what ways does sex outside of marriage mar God's image in people?

2A. What are the advantages of being single over being married (1 Corinthians 7:8)?

2B. Why do you think divorce happens, even among committed Christians (1 Corinthians 7:10-11)?

2C. What must be the goal of a believer married to an unbeliever (1 Corinthians 7:13, 16)?

2D. In what ways can a believer lead an unbelieving spouse to the Lord?

3A. What should be the highest priority in life of a single believer (1 Corinthians 7:32)?

3B. What should be the priorities in life of a married believer (1 Corinthians 7:33)?

3C. What does it mean to have undivided devotion to the Lord regardless of marital status (1 Corinthians 7:35)?

3D. How can we stay focused on godly priorities even amid the challenges of life?