

Common Cause (pt. 2)

Ephesians 5:31 "For this **cause** shall a man...be joined unto his wife."

Accomplishing God's Plan for Your Home *The Story of Mary and Joseph*

God's opportunities are not limited by the problems you face.

2. DISPEL DISUNITY.

Malachi 2:15 "Didn't the Lord make you one with your wife? In body and spirit you are his. So guard your heart; remain loyal to the wife of your youth."

Three Things we must do to guard our hearts:

- Don't Demand

Luke 1:38: "Mary responded, 'I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true.'"

As long as you seek your happiness from others you will always have conflict.

James 4:1-2 "What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you? You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them."

- Don't Despair

Luke 1:30 "Don't be afraid, Mary,' the angel told her, 'for you have found favor with God!'"

As long as you keep your eyes on God you will have the courage to persevere.

James 4:7,8,10 "So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor."

- Don't Denounce

Matthew 1:24 "When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife."

James 4:11 "Don't speak evil against each other, dear brothers and sisters. If you criticize and judge each other, then you are criticizing and judging God's law."

As long as you blame others for your unhappiness, you will always be unhappy.

Proverbs 30:21-23 "There four things that are unbearable: a hateful woman who finds a husband..."

3. DRIVE out DOUBT.

Matthew 1:21 "...you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

Matthew 12:21 "...his name will be the hope of all the world."

Romans 9:33 "Anyone who trusts in him will never be disappointed."

Memory Verse:

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