

Spirit-Controlled Emotions (pt. 2)

“As the Scriptures say, ‘A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.’” Ephesians 5:31

The Challenge: You will face **UNEXPECTED DIFFERENCES.**

Galatians 6:5 “For we are each responsible for our own conduct.”

Matthew 7:3 “You can see the speck in your friend's eye, but you don't notice the log in your own eye.”

Your marriage will work when you work for your marriage.

1 Peter 3:7 “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. Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered.”

2. **PURSUE your mate.**

“and is joined to his wife...”

*What you did to **win** each other's love you must continue to do to **keep** each other's love.*

Proverbs 5:18-19 "Let your wife be a fountain of blessing for you. Rejoice in the wife of your youth. May you always be captivated by her love."

The Challenge: You will face **UNMET NEEDS.**

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.”

Consideration of your spouse is a sign of wisdom, not weakness.

James 3:17 “But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere.”

FOCUS = FOLLOWING ONE COURSE UNTIL SUCCESSFUL

Motions result in emotions. The ability to love is established not by fervent promise but by repeated deeds.

3. **Celebrate your covenant PARTNERSHIP.**

“and the two are united into one.”

Luke 11:17 “Any kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and a house divided against itself will fall.”

Mark 3:25 “Similarly, a family splintered by feuding will fall apart.”

The Challenge: You will face **UNRESOLVED CONFLICTS**.

A Covenant Home is not a place for fault-finding, but love-finding.

Colossians 3:13 “Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.”

You can keep love alive when you surrender your heart to Jesus Christ.

Colossians 3:15: “And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.”

Married Couples, make these three promises to your spouse:

Promise #1: Next to Jesus, you are my priority.

Promise #2: I will pursue you always.

Promise #3: You are my covenant partner in Christ.

Singles, make these three promises to God:

Promise #1: I will make your will for my life my priority.

Promise #2: I will pursue you with all my heart while I wait for my marriage to come.

Promise #3: I will not enter into any relationship that could lead to marriage unless the other person is a committed follower of Jesus Christ.

Memory Verse: Ephesians 5:31 “As the Scriptures say, ‘A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.’”