



"WE ARE FAMILY!"

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MEMORY VERSE: "Be willing to serve each other out of respect for Christ." Ephesians 5:21 ERV

We're Married! Now What?

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Serve – Love – Respect. First with God; then with one another.

Foundationally, let's start at the beginning.

Genesis 1:27 and 2:18 NLT

We are created for companionship. First with God; then with one another. In that order.

Matthew 22:37-40 NIV

We're Married! Now What?

When marital problems are worse than toilet paper, toothpaste and towels. What then?

Our Primary Adversary. 1 Peter 5:8 NIV

Three Relational Assailants. 1 John 2:6 NIV

Honor versus Dishonor

Three Relational Actions and Antidotes. Ephesians 5:21, 33 ERV

'Lust of Flesh'

What must I do to deny self, realign with God, respect my spouse and others?

'Lust of Eyes'

What must I do to die to self, refocus on God, love my spouse and others?

'Pride of Life'

What must I do to disown self, relinquish to God, serve my spouse and others?

With God, in Jesus, by the Holy Spirit -be an overcomer! In them, we are more than conquerors!

Ephesians 5:21 ERV

"If you want a bad marriage, put yourself first. If you want a good marriage, put your spouse first. But if you want a great marriage, put God first." – Unknown

Serve – Love – Respect. First with God; then with one another. In that order.

It's an all-in, mutual, 100% team effort!

Love Languages and Personality Types

What must we stop doing then start doing to serve, love and respect God, our spouse and others?

What system of 'checks and balances' do we need to put in place to honor God, our spouse and others?

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REFLECT

Questions to reflect on in your personal quiet time, with the family and/or in your Life Group.

1. Share your understanding of what the message was about.
2. How can we apply and integrate this message into our life?
3. Read Ephesians 5:21-33. What role does 'serving, loving and respecting' play in our relationships? Why?
4. Read 1 Peter 5:8 and 1 John 2:6. Which of the 3 relational assailants negatively impacts us? Why? How are we correcting it?
5. Revisit and ponder the three relational actions and antidotes. How are we regularly applying them to our life? Our relationships?
6. What must we stop doing then start doing to serve, love and respect God, our spouse and others?
7. What system of 'checks and balances' do we need to put in place to honor God, our spouse and others?

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