

Glorifying God in Your Marriage
 Mission Bible Fellowship - Marriage Conference
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SESSION 1 — “The Biblical Theology of Marriage”

Introduction:

1. The 3 distinct types of counseling:

- a. There are over 400 different philosophies of _____ counseling.

Proverbs 26:12 “Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.”

Judges 17:6 “In those days there was no king in Israel; every man did what was right in his own eyes.”

- b. For the last 50+ years, the church has been polluted by men and women who call themselves “_____.”

- i. But most have their training and degrees in _____ counseling.

2 *Timothy 3:16-17 “All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”*

2 *Peter 1:2-3 “Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.*

- c. Therefore, each Christian possesses _____ necessary for salvation and sanctification.

- d. I affirm the inerrancy, authority, and absolute _____ of scripture, for all matters pertaining to the non-organic problems of the soul.

- i. Non-organic, refers to anything that does not pertain to the physical _____.

- ii. This is called “_____ Counseling” or “Nouthetic Counseling.”

Romans 15:14 “And concerning you, my brethren, I myself also am convinced that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able also to admonish <NOUTHETEO> one another.”

2. There is one verse that summarizes the entire _____ of the Christian life.

1 Corinthians 10:31 “Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory <doxa> of God.”

- a. “Glory” means to honor, praise, worship, and _____.

Matthew 5:16 “Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify, <dox-ad'-zo> your Father who is in heaven.”

b. And nowhere is this to be seen more clearly, than in our _____.

I. The Origin of Marriage

Genesis 1:26-27 "Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.' God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

A. The Bible summarizes the creation of mankind — as being “_____ and _____.”

1. Man was created in the image of God to _____ over the earth and everything in it.

2. Throughout the creation week, God declared that His work was “_____”

Genesis 2:18 "... It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."

Genesis 2:20 "The man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him."

Genesis 2:21-23 "So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place. The LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man. The man said, 'This is now bone of my bones, And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man.'"

3. Adam understood that God had made him a _____, who was _____ for him.

II. The Independence of Marriage

Genesis 2:24 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh."

A. Many marriages have trouble right from the _____, because they fail to understand, and/or apply, this foundational teaching.

Mark 10:6-8 "But from the beginning of creation, God MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE. FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH; so they are no longer two, but one flesh."

Ephesians 5:31 "FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH."

1. In all my weddings, I stress 3 words: _____, _____, and _____.

a. **Leaving** does not mean to _____ or forsake one's parents.

(1) Leaving declares that the husband/wife relationship must take _____ over all other human relationships.

- b. **Cleaving** means to join or to _____, which speaks of _____.
- (1) Malachi 2:14 speaks of marriage as a “_____ of Companionship.”
 - (2) The moment the pastor pronounces a couple to be “*Husband and Wife*,” God declares them to be “*one flesh*.”
 - (3) This is the beginning of a _____ family unit, which is to be _____ over all other human relationships.
- c. **Weaving** is building a Christ-honoring intimacy into our _____ relationship.
- (1) God instituted marriage to defeat _____.
 - (2) Marriage between a man and a woman, provides the _____ avenue for sexual intimacy that God will bless.

III. The Transparency of Marriage

Genesis 2:25 “And the man and his wife were both naked — and were not ashamed.”

- A. Before the Fall, Adam & Eve experienced _____ of body and soul, without any guilt.

Genesis 2:16-17 “The LORD God commanded the man, saying, ‘From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.’”

- B. God’s warning was clear, “... for in the **day** that you eat from it you will surely die.”

1. According to *John 3*, and *Ephesians 2*, we are all born spiritually _____.

- a. “*How to Get to Heaven ...*” Bible Study.

2. After Adam & Eve sinned, they both started _____ others.

Genesis 3:12 “The man said, ‘The woman, whom You gave to be with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate.’”

IV. The Causes of Conflict in Marriage

Genesis 3:16 “To the woman He said, ‘I will greatly multiply Your pain in childbirth, In pain you will bring forth children; Yet your **desire** will be for your husband, And he will rule over you.’”

- A. One of the first rules of Bible interpretation is to study the _____.

1. So let's see how this word " _____ " is used in the next chapter.

*Genesis 4:6-7 "Then the LORD said to Cain, 'Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will not your countenance be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its **desire** is for you, but you must master it.'"*

2. God was saying: "Cain, sin wants to be _____ over you, but you must master it."

B. The meaning of "**desire**" in *Genesis 3:16* is, "Eve, you will want to _____ your husband — but he shall rule over you."

1. Every woman in the world, to one degree or another, want's to be in _____.

Conclusion:

1. Gift: "*Christ and Your Problems*" is a practical exposition of *1 Corinthians 10:13*.

1 Corinthians 10:13 "No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it."

2. It is my prayer that each of you learns how to have a Christ-honoring marriage — and that all of you will become effective biblical counselors to people who I will never meet this side of Heaven.