

DTR: Marriage (The Essential Qualities of Oneness in Marriage)

For the week of April 18, 2021

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Matthew 7:24-27

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. 26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

“Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. 10 For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! 11 Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? 12 And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.”

Song of Solomon 6:3

“I am my beloved’s and my beloved is mine; he grazes among the lilies.”

Proverbs 21:20

“Precious treasure and oil are in a wise man’s dwelling, but a foolish man devours it.”

Proverbs 5:18-19

“Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth, a lovely deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love.”

MESSAGE POINTS:

- 1-Spiritual Oneness (Matthew 7:24-27)
- 2-Relational Oneness (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)
- 3-Emotional Oneness (Song of Solomon 6:3)
- 4-Financial Oneness (Proverbs 21:20)
- 5-Sexual Oneness (Proverbs 5:18-19)

GOAL:

To understand God's expectations for marriage and family.

GET GOING:

- What TV couple illustrates marriage in the most humorous way?
- Why is spiritual oneness so crucial in marriage?
- In what ways are you succeeding in building your house on the rock?
- Look at Ecclesiastes 4:9. What toil have you witnessed in your marriage or the marriage of others? How does marriage sanctify us?
- How do you typically resolve conflict in your relationships? Marriage? Friendship? How can a person experience conflict but yet still remain one emotionally?
- What is the source of greatest conflict in your marriage?
- What would your finances say about what you value most?
- Look at Proverbs 5:18-19. How would you define a healthy sexual relationship?

KEEP GROWING:

- Turn to 1 Peter 3:1-7.
- How does this passage connect to what we studied?
- Look at verse 2. How would you define 'respectful and put conduct'?
- Look at verse 3. Why is Peter so concerned about a focus on the external?
- Look at verse 7. What are some practical ways to live in an understanding way?
- What are some specific ways that you seek to honor your spouse?
- How can a marriage hinder prayers? Describe a time when your marriage hindered your prayer life.
- How would you encourage someone with an unbelieving spouse? How can this passage provide hope for that person?

GET GROUNDED:

- On a scale from 1-10. How healthy is your marriage? What is holding it back from greater oneness?
- What is your greatest marriage struggle? (Spiritual, Relational, Emotional, Financial, Sexual) Why?
- Take a minute to discuss how you can hold one another accountable and encourage each other throughout the week. Where do you need to turn away from evil?

MEMORY VERSE:

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