

Week 4: Marriage Myths and Truths

MARRIAGE QUIZ

True or False:

1. The Bible defines marriage as a contract between two believers. _____
2. Love can overcome any troubles in marriage. _____
3. The Bible commands a husband to love his wife and a wife to respect her husband. _____
4. We will not be married in heaven. _____
5. My spouse can make me angry. _____
6. Happiness is the key to a successful marriage. _____
7. There is a crisis in marriage today. _____
8. God wouldn't want me to stay in an unhappy marriage. _____
9. God wants us to be able to manage our fleshly behaviors in our marriage. _____
10. God's Word describes His relationship with us in marital terms. _____
11. Compromise is critical to a healthy marriage. _____
12. The Bible says if you marry, you will face many troubles in this life. _____
13. Forgiveness means forgetting. _____

Short Answer:

14. What is God's purpose for marriage?

15. What is the source of conflict in marriage?

16. What is the secret to a successful marriage?

17. Name three things God's Word requires of the husband:

18. Name two things God's Word requires of a wife:

19. Genesis 2:24 is described as the Leave and Cleave verse. What does that mean?

20. What is the difference between forgiveness and reconciliation?

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GOD SEES US IN TERMS OF MARRIAGE

Isaiah 62:5

5 As a young man marries a young woman, so will your Builder marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.

Jeremiah 3:8

8 I gave faithless Israel her certificate of divorce and sent her away because of all her adulteries. Yet I saw that her unfaithful sister Judah had no fear; she also went out and committed adultery.

Hosea 2:16

16 “In that day,” declares the Lord, “you will call me ‘my husband’; you will no longer call me ‘my master.’” 19 I will betroth you to me forever; I will betroth you in righteousness and justice, in love and compassion.

Matthew 9:15

15 Jesus answered, “How can the guests of the bridegroom mourn while he is with them? The time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; then they will fast.

Matthew 22:1-2

22 Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: 2 “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son.

Mark 8:38

38 If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.

Ephesians 5:31-32

31 “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” 32 This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.

Revelation 19:7

7 Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.

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CONTRACT vs COVENANT

CONTRACT	COVENANT
Obligation: "I have to"	Opportunity: "I want to"
Impersonal: "Involves something I have or do"	Personal: "Involves all that I am"
Conditional: "If you do your part, I'll do mine"	Unconditional: "I'll do my part whether you do yours or not"
Leverage: "I look out for my own best interest"	Loyalty: "I am looking out for your (or our) best interest"
Suspicion: "I want assurances that you will do your part"	Trust: "I will certainly do my part"
Business: "What will it take?"	Relational: "Whatever it takes!"
Compromise: "I will meet you half way"	Sacrifice: "I will give 100%"
Temporary: "Once all stipulations have been met or not met, the contract is over"	Permanent: "I will continue to do this as long as I draw breath"

