

Marriage and Family v2

Lesson 8 Preparing For Marriage

Children

1. Obey your parents
2. Honor your parents

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Introduction

- God created marriage for the good of humanity
- The normal course of most men and women is that they will marry
- Few will be prepared for marriage and some will be more prepared than others
- Perversion of marriage and the undermining of parental authority are rampant in our society

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Introduction

- Sadly, many, even Christian parents fail to properly prepare their children for the responsibilities of marriage
- Sometimes the home is so terrible that children do anything to get out of it even turning to a bad marriage with dreadful consequences
- The Christian home is designed to prepare children, who eventually become adults, for marriage

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Marriage is the normal course of life for most men and women

Gen 2:22 The LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.

Gen 2:23 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."

Gen 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.

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Heb 13:4 Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

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Become and live as a Christian

Act 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ--this Jesus whom you crucified."

Act 2:37 Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

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Become and live as a Christian

Act 2:38 Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Act 2:41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

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Become and live as a Christian

Act 2:42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Act 8:22 "Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you.

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Become and live as a Christian

Php 2:5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

Php 2:6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,

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Become and live as a Christian

Php 2:7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.

Php 2:8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

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Become and live as a Christian

Php 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Php 4:7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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Become and live as a Christian

Php 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.

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Become and live as a Christian

Php 4:9 The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Php 4:10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned before, but you lacked opportunity.

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Become and live as a Christian

Php 4:11 Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.

Php 4:12 I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need.

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Become and live as a Christian

Php 4:13 I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

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Develop godly friends so that faith may be strengthened

1Co 15:33 Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals."

Joh 15:12 "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

Joh 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

Joh 15:14 "You are My friends if you do what I command you.

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Pro 27:5 Better is open rebuke Than love that is concealed.

Pro 27:6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But deceitful are the kisses of an enemy.

Pro 17:17 A friend loves at all times, And a brother is born for adversity.

Pro 27:17 Iron sharpens iron, So one man sharpens another.

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Learn to provide for your future family

- Many enter marriage unprepared to make a living for their families
- This can result in financial and emotional strain that often tests the fragile immature love of a couple
- Before marrying, parents should encourage and teach their children, especially young men, to learn a skill that they can use to provide for their families

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Learn to provide for your future family

- Learn to find something to do that does not conflict with your Christian faith and priorities like worshipping God with a local church
- Whatever you do, work as for the Lord
- Young girls should also learn some skill that they might need to use in the future but if possible not to the neglect of managing the home, raising children

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Learn to provide for your future family

1Ti 5:8 But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

Eph 4:28 He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with one who has need.

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Learn to provide for your future family

Col 3:22 Slaves, in all things obey those who are your masters on earth, not with external service, as those who merely please men, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.

Col 3:23 Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men,

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Col 3:24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.

Col 3:25 For he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which he has done, and that without partiality.

Col 4:1 Masters, grant to your slaves justice and fairness, knowing that you too have a Master in heaven.

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Learn to provide for your future family

Mat 6:33 "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Heb 10:24 and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,

Heb 10:25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

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Flee fornication and pursue Scriptural courtship and lifelong marriage

- Instead of being completely carried by emotions, preparing to be a spouse and selecting a spouse should be a patient deliberate task that is grounded in the Word of God
- Be very particular in choosing your mate and remember you are choosing the only one who you will be with for life

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Flee fornication and pursue Scriptural courtship and lifelong marriage

- Also, make sure you are diligently preparing to be the type of spouse that God would have you to be
- If possible, choose a future spouse who is a committed faithful Christian
- Avoid all situations that might lead to fornication

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Flee fornication and pursue Scriptural courtship and lifelong marriage

- Use the time of courtship to get to know one another especially whether your faith in God and love for one another is deep and consistent
- Do not place physical appearance and attraction above committed faith in God

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Scriptural marriage is for life

Mat 19:3 Some Pharisees came to Jesus, testing Him and asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason at all?"

Mat 19:4 And He answered and said, "Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE,

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Scriptural marriage is for life

Mat 19:5 and said, 'FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH'?

Mat 19:6 "So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate."

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Scriptural marriage is for life

Mat 19:7 They *said to Him, "Why then did Moses command to GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE AND SEND her AWAY?"

Mat 19:8 He *said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses permitted you to divorce your wives; but from the beginning it has not been this way.

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Scriptural marriage is for life

Mat 19:9 "And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery."

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Scriptural marriage is for life

Rom 7:2 For the married woman is bound by law to her husband while he is living; but if her husband dies, she is released from the law concerning the husband.

Rom 7:3 So then, if while her husband is living she is joined to another man, she shall be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from the law, so that she is not an adulteress though she is joined to another man.

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Scriptural marriage is for life

Luk 16:18 "Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and he who marries one who is divorced from a husband commits adultery.

Mat 5:32 but I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except for the reason of unchastity, makes her commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

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If possible choose to marry a faithful Christian

2Co 6:14 Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?

2Co 6:15 Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever?

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Rom 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

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Flee fornication in all situations including courtship

1Co 6:18 Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body.

1Co 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

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1Co 6:20 For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

1Co 7:1 Now concerning the things about which you wrote, it is good for a man not to touch a woman.

1Co 7:2 But because of immoralities, each man is to have his own wife, and each woman is to have her own husband.

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1Co 7:3 The husband must fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband.

1Co 7:4 The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does; and likewise also the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.

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Flee fornication in all situations including courtship

1Co 7:5 Stop depriving one another, except by agreement for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

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Flee fornication in all situations including courtship

Mat 26:41 "Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

2Ti 2:22 Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

1Co 10:12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.

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1Co 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.

1Co 10:14 Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

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Flee fornication in all situations including courtship

1. Being alone with members of the opposite sex where uncontrolled kissing, embracing and other actions may lead to fornication
2. Parties that promote dancing leading to sexual arousal
3. Pornography
4. Sexually explicit texting and social media posts and other improper communications

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Display holiness, orderliness, bashfulness, self-restraint and godliness in our clothing

1Ti 2:8 Therefore I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension.

1Ti 2:9 Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments,

1Ti 2:10 but rather by means of good works, as is proper for women making a claim to godliness.

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Holy (set apart for God's service)

Rom 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

Rom 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

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Proper (orderly, modest) clothing

1Ti 3:2 An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,

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Modestly (bashfulness, propriety)

(Heb 12:28 NKJV) Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

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Discretely (self-restraint, moderation)

Mat 5:27 "You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY';

Mat 5:28 but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

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Learn that the deeper love will help you overcome problems in marriage

1Co 13:4 Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant,

1Co 13:5 does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered,

1Co 13:6 does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;

1Co 13:7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

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Eph 4:25 Therefore, laying aside falsehood, SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE of you WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, for we are members of one another.

Eph 4:26 BE ANGRY, AND yet DO NOT SIN; do not let the sun go down on your anger,

Eph 4:27 and do not give the devil an opportunity.

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Eph 4:31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

Eph 4:32 Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

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