

Perfect Marriages

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Introduction:

1. If we want the LORD's full spiritual blessings, our marriages must be perfect!
2. If we can't even get our marriages perfected, how shall we build the church?
3. If we truly understand and seek Godly perfection, then let's get started at home!
4. We just observed our LORD's death: He died to make your marriage better!

It's Importance

- A. Marital imperfection hinders spiritual blessings (I Peter 3:7; Mal 2:11-16).
- B. Marital imperfection grieves and quenches the Spirit (Eph 4:30; I Th 5:19).
- C. Marital imperfection gives place to the devil (Eph 4:27; I Co 7:5; I Pe 5:8).
- D. We also hinder the truth by poor marriages (Titus 2:4-5; I Timothy 5:14).

The PERFECT WIFE . . .

- A. Remembers God's purpose in her creation (Genesis 2:18; I Cor 11:9).
- B. Remembers God's ordained role for her (Genesis 3:16; Eph 5:22-24).
- C. Remembers that a meek and quiet spirit is of great price (I Peter 3:4).
- D. Reverences her husband without shame as her lord (Eph 5:33; I Peter 3:6).
- E. Loves her husband devotedly rather than become a domestic partner (Tit 2:4).
- F. Makes the bed a passionate, pleasant priority in life (I Cor 7:1-5; Heb 13:4).
- G. Works diligently and unselfishly to be the virtuous woman (Prov 31:10-31).

The PERFECT HUSBAND . . .

- A. Loves his wife as Christ the church to make her his prized bride (Eph 5:25-28).
- B. Cherishes his wife with kind, tender, passionate, devoted affection (Eph 5:29).
- C. Nourishes his wife with opportunities and means to grow herself (Eph 5:29).
- D. Honours his wife as the weaker vessel and an heir of eternal life (I Peter 3:7).
- E. Loves his wife compassionately and refuses to be bitter against her (Col 3:19).
- F. Makes his wife most important in bed rather than himself (SS 2:6; I Co 7:1-5).
- G. Is always satisfied with her body and ravished with loving her (Prov 5:19).

Suggestions

- A. Seek the LORD first in your own life and His Spirit as your Source of Power.

- B. Pray about your marriage and ask the LORD to perfect you in this role.
- C. Plainly confess and forsake any sins to the LORD and to your spouse.
- D. Read the Song of Solomon and consider wisely why it is in the Bible.
- E. Pray together about your marriage and your desire for it to be the best.
- F. Try I Corinthians 13:4-7 in the context of your role in the marriage.
- G. Remember that it is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35).
- H. Greatest gift you can give your children is to love your spouse properly.
 - I. Reorganize priorities and/or shed some obligations to put your marriage high.
- J. Exhort others and provoke to love and good works in marriage also.
- K. Let not the sun go down upon your wrath, bitterness, etc. (Eph 4:26).
- L. No perfect man or woman has ever married, so stop waiting for perfection.
- M. True submission and love requires something unpleasant from your spouse.
- N. Avoid worldly (sinful) entertainment of movies, television, magazines, etc.