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SERIES TOPIC: Is an overview of the entire month of February week one (1) through week four (4)

Developing Loving Relationships that are built to last

1. **Begin with the End in mind**
God's Vision :Your Couples Vision oneness commitment
2. **Laying a Solid foundation**
Communication, Expectations Hidden Issues vs Event
3. **Building the House**
Practical tools –How to Leveling & editing Time Mgt Budgets
4. **Living the Life Vision**
Fulfilling Purpose Courting your Mate Pausing for passion

Individual Highlights

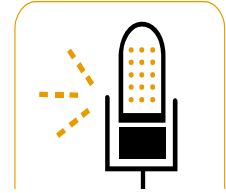
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5 year plan vs. the 50 Year Plan

You choose !

Marriage God's Design For Man & Woman "



- The key is to *PREVENT* serious problems. (NIV)
- By knowing what best *PREDICTS* divorce, you will know more about what makes successful marriages.
- How you communicate and handle conflict is crucial for how your marriage will go.
- All couples will have problems. It's how you handle them that counts most.

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Jesus Speaks on Oneness
Matthew 19:4-6 "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' [5] and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? [6] So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.

Reasons for Oneness in marriage

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Barriers of Ones

- Fear of Rejection and Self-Protection
- Sin and Selfishness
- Lack of Knowledge

Why is All This Important and Essential to All ?

To answer this we must first understand that Marriage was before every institution including the Church. The first thing God did was bring Adam a wife. Not a church . God did this because there was no other of his kind and man was alone. Base on this truth we can learn that we are designed to have healthy relationships and they are to be permanent . Secondly we can see that the union was between a MAN and WOMAN this important as it depicts the intended design for "Holy Matrimony"

Let me pause for a moment . Why is this image under such attack ?

1. 90 % of all societal woes can be traced back to the failed marriage
2. God's relationship with the church is liken after the institution of marriage .
3. Therefore if you destroy the image of marriage look

what tumbles afterwards

4. The role of male and female
5. The Fatherhood
6. The image of Holy union our relationship with God .

What can we do ?

Prevention :

Intervention :

Restoration :



Question for Blog

*Can institutional Loco
parentis replace the
traditional matriarchal and
patriarchal roles of
imparting the three
essential edicts for the
continuation of civility?*

Stepping up to the Plate of owning the problem

Well he truth is there is plenty of blame to go around . so let just start with the area of prevention

Our observation has proven that there are essentially three edicts that must be communicate to each subsequent generation to ensure stability and the continuation of civility as we endeavor to do the works of God and pursue abundant life . They are

Values : In general, important and enduring beliefs or ideals shared by the members of a culture about what is good or desirable and what is not. Values exert major influence on the behavior of an individual and serve as broad guidelines in all situations.

Now comes the question who is responsible for imparting these very personal edicts to our children ? The biblical answer is simple the parents

of the child under the leadership of the father .

Virtue; a : conformity to a standard of right : morality
b : a particular moral excellence 2 plural : an order of angels — see celestial hierarchy 3: a beneficial quality or power of a thing.

Appreciation & Respect of Life ? "Appreciation of life itself, becoming suddenly aware of life and the miracle of being alive, on this planet, can turn what we call ordinary life into a miracle. Understanding that the power to take life must always be exercised with all caution.

What can we do

The church can start by really developing relationships

First with God second understand self and third relationship with or fellow mankind
