

Malachi Men Lesson 7 “Marriage”, Part 2 Summary & Homework

BIBLE: (Ps 19:7-9, 119:11, 119:105; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21)

- The Bible witnesses to its own divine origin and relevance.
- The Bible is relevant and effective

MARRIAGE:

Sex: (Genesis 2:18 & 24; Deuteronomy 5:18; John 4:17-18; 1 Corinthians 7:2-5; Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 5:3; Hebrews 13:4)

- Marriage is the only place for sex
 - God designed marriage
 - God calls sex outside of marriage a sin
- Having sex does not create a marriage
- Sex is for pleasing and protecting your mate

Husbands' Accountability: (1 Corinthians 11:3)

- The husband is accountable to God
 - Husbands are accountable to Christ just as Christ is accountable to God
 - God has specific expectations for husbands (God will judge each husband)

Husbands' Roles:

- Leader: (Matthew 20:25-27; Ephesians 5:23)
 - Not a demanding tyrant
 - Not required to make all the decisions (listen to your helper)
 - Concerned about those he leads
 - Responsible and accountable to God
 - Cherishes and protects
- Lover: (Ephesians 5:25, 5:28-29, 5:33; Colossians 3:19; 1 Corinthians 13:4-7)
 - Love your wife as Christ loved the church
 - Love you wife as you love your own body
 - Love overcomes bitterness
 - Anyone can take, love gives
- Learner: (1 Peter 3:7a)
 - God says you can understand your wife
 - Her problems are your problems
 - Men who dishonor and abuse their wives have their prayers hindered
- Provider: (1 Thessalonians 3:10-12; 1 Timothy 5:8)
 - Godly husbands provide for their family and are not idle
- Joyful Mate: (Deuteronomy 24:5; Proverbs 5:18-19; Ecclesiastes 9:9)
 - Be a joy to your mate & enjoy your mate

HOMEWORK:

- **Memorize:** Ephesians 5:25
- **Read:** Ephesians 4:1-3
- **Answer the following questions:**
 - What are some of the characteristics of a follower of Christ?
 - What are the results of acquiring these characteristics?
 - Note: Paul wrote Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians while in prison
- **Read:** Proverbs 10:12, 12:18, 13:10, 15:1, 16:21 16:32 19:11
- **Answer the following questions:**
 - What are some common themes in these verses/
 - What are the benefits of wise speech?
 - What are the dangers of harsh speech?
 - How can you become more persuasive?
 - How do you bring healing and become a peacemaker?
 - What is one mark of a wise man?

Memory Verse: Ephesians 5:25 (1148) Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her.

Memory Hint: Always learn the Bible reference (where the verse is located in the Bible). Knowing the “address” will allow you to help others, and quote with authority. Repeat the reference (for example: John 3:16) before and after repeating the verse.