

How to Like Your Spouse

or become a likable person to others

Titus 2:4

Introduction:

#1. Understand God's _____ for marriage

1st • God made male and female uniquely _____

Genesis 1:27 And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them

2nd • Marriage was designed by God to meet the first problem of the human race: _____

3rd • Marriage was planned to bring _____ not misery

Genesis 2:23 And 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

4th • Marriage must begin with _____

Genesis 2:24 For this cause a man shall leave his father and his mother

5th • Marriage requires an inseparable _____

Genesis 2:24 For this cause a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they shall become one flesh

6th • Marriage means _____

Genesis 2:24 and they shall become one flesh. 25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed

#2. Accept God's _____ of a spouse

1st-Loving your spouse is _____

2nd-Loving your spouse is _____

1 John 4:20 If someone says, I love God, and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.

Matthew 5:23 If therefore you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your offering there before the altar, and go your way; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.

1 Peter 3:7 You husbands likewise, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with a weaker vessel, since she is a woman; and grant her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

1st - Does your spouse get your best or the leftovers?

2nd - Do you make things special for your spouse or are your actions towards them typically routine?

3rd - Do you work at trying to please him or her?

#3. Feel God's _____ for your spouse

Matthew 11:19 *a friend of tax-gatherers and sinners*

John 15:14 *You are My friends, if you do what I command you*

James 2:23 *Abraham ...was called the friend of God.*

Do you like your spouse?

Y or N Do you laugh at their jokes even when they are not that funny?

Y or N Do you cheer them on when they're in a competition?

Y or N Do you hold their hand when you walk, show affection, give gifts, seek to surprise them, and treat them with their favorites?

Y or N Do you greet them at the door?

Y or N Do you make time to commune heart to heart in communication.

Philippians 4:13 *you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you.*

#4. Pursue God's _____ to be likable

1st - Have a passionate desire to be like _____

1 Corinthians 11:1 *Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ*

Ephesians 5:2 *walk in love, just as Christ also loved you, and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.*

Ephesians 5:25 *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her*

1-Check your _____

1 Timothy 5:10 *were to have a reputation for good works*

Proverbs 22:1 *A good name is to be more desired than great riches*

Ecclesiastes 7:1 *A good name is better than a good ointment*

2-Check your _____

1 Timothy 2:9 *I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments; 10 but rather by means of good works, as befits women making a claim to godliness.*

2 3-Check your _____

1 Corinthians 10:31 *Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.*

4-Check your _____, ____ and _____

Matthew 6:21 *for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*

5-Check your _____

Titus 2:3 *Older women likewise are ... not malicious gossips*

1 Timothy 5:13 *at the same time they also learn to be idle, as they go around from house to house; and not merely idle, but also gossips and busybodies, talking about things not proper to mention. 14 Therefore, I want younger widows to get married, bear children, keep house, and give the enemy no occasion for reproach;*

James 1:26 *If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is worthless.*

2 Corinthians 2:14 *But thanks be to God, who ... manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place. 15 For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.*

2nd - Live a _____ and _____ lifestyle

Galatians 5:16 *walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.*

Ephesians 5:18 *do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit*

Galatians 5:19 *the fruit of...enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, 21 envying, ... 22 ..love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control*

3rd - Develops a tender submissiveness to _____

Romans 13:1 *there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.*

3 Ephesians 5:22 *Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord 33 ... let the wife see to it that she respect her husband*

1 Peter 3:1 *In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives, 5 For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands. 6 Thus Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, and you have become her children if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear.*

Proverbs 21:9 *It is better to live in a corner of a roof, Than in a house shared with a contentious woman.*

Proverbs 21:19 *It is better to live in a desert land, Than with a contentious and vexing woman.*

Proverbs 25:24 *It is better to live in a corner of the roof Than in a house shared with a contentious woman.*

Proverbs 27:15 *A constant dripping on a day of steady rain And a contentious woman are alike;*

Proverbs 31:10 *An excellent wife, who can find? For her worth is far above jewels.*

4th - Demonstrate a heart to _____ and _____

Proverbs 31:20 *She extends her hand to the poor; And she stretches out her hands to the needy.*

Proverbs 31:27 *She looks well to the ways of her household, And does not eat the bread of idleness.*

1 Corinthians 7:3 *Let the husband fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband. 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. 5 Stop depriving one another, except by agreement for a time that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and come together again lest Satan tempt you because of your*

lack of self-control.

5th - Desire to _____

Conclusion

1st-Women who love their husbands like this are a great _____ to God and a fantastic _____ for Christ

1 Peter 3:4 the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God.

2nd-Men or women who pursue these Godly qualities are _____ to be around

3rd-Singles who make Godliness their highest _____, will never go wrong in finding a _____

4th-Only Christ can _____ you to _____ this way

Questions for discussion:

Why does God focus on Godly character yet people focus on techniques to strengthen marriages?

What single step should you take to be more likable?

What kind of heart is necessary to love the way Jesus calls for in Titus?