

# Marriage Do's and Don'ts

Selected Scriptures

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# Don'ts

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# Expectations – Dump ‘em

- What do you have that you did not receive from the Lord? – 1 Co 4:7
- If you received it from the Lord, why do you act as if you didn't?
- We tend to focus upon what others are supposed to be doing for us instead of what we are supposed to be doing for them – 1 Co 4:1*f*.
- When we get used to such gifts, we tend to anticipate them, and to expect them as obligations which the other owes to us
- Do not become bitter against one another – Col 3:19; cf., Eph 4:31; Heb 12:15; Jas 3:14

# Obligations Are a One Way Street

- You are obligated to obey God's one-another commands --- whether or not others reciprocate – 1 Pe 2:19*f.*; Php 1:23; 3:10; 2 co 1:5
  - Another's failure to treat you as a brother or sister in Christ does not release you from your duty to treat them as a brother or sister in Christ
- You are to look forward to a reward that is yet to come – Php 3:10*f.*
  - Any suffering you endure for Christ's sake will be credited to you – cf., Ro 8:17*f.*
- You are obligated to look at everyone from Christ's point of view – 2 Co 5:16, 17-20
- You are to consider all others as better than yourself and yourself as a servant to all – Php 2:3
- You are to follow in the footsteps of Jesus – 1 Pe 2:21

# When We Exercise Expectations

- Desire -> Expectations -> Disappointment -> Frustration -> Anger -> Bitterness -> *fights and quarrels* – Jas 4:1ff.
- We elevate ourselves in our own minds – Jas 2 (have you not become judges...) – Jas 2:4; cf., Php 2:3; Lk 22:22-28
- We place ourselves in opposition to God – Jas 4:6-10; 1 Pet 4:6-10
- We (profane) make *common* the example of Jesus who willingly humbled himself – Php 2:1-10

# Do's

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# Obligations

- The obligation to obey Christ's commands do not include exemptions for a husband or wife (or child) - 1 Pe 2:19*f.*; Php 1:23; 3:10; 2 co 1:5
- You are obligated to look at everyone from Christ's point of view instead of from a human point of view – 2 Co 5:16, 17-20
- You are to consider your spouse as better than yourself-putting yourself in the place of a servant – Php 2:3; cf., Mt 20:26; Gal 5:13; 6:2

# The One-Another Commands

- Love one another
  - Abide in Jesus' love – Jn 15:8-11
  - Love one another – 15:12-17; 1 Thess 3:12
- Be filled with the Spirit
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  - Submit to one another – 5:21
- Love one another with brotherly affection – Ro 9:10a
- Outdo one another in showing honor – 9:10b
- Live in harmony with one another – 9:16
- Owe one another nothing but to love each other – 13:8; 15:5



# The One-Another Commands

- Do not pass judgement on one another – Ro 14:13
- Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you – 15:7
- Instruct one another – 15:14
- Do not deprive one another – 1 Co 7:5
- Wait for one another – 1 Co 11:33
- Care for one another – 12:25; 1 Thess 4:15
- Aim for restoration – 2 Co 13:11-14; Eph 4:32; Col 3:9
- Encourage and build one another up – 1 Thess 4:18; Eph 4:29