

What does the Bible say about Practical Marriage Matters Part II



- The Bible gives advice and commands about marriage
- The Bible is the Word of God
- These are the words of God to man
- And even though the Bible is over 2000 years old, it is still relevant today. We will look at a couple more practical matters for marriage



I. Lifting your Spouse up during Difficult Times



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Ecclesiastes 4:9,10

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- That is just life.
- You may lose a job, you don't make a promotion, or something worse
- You lose a baby or someone in your family dies
- Then one of you gets depressed and it drags you down for months, maybe years. What do you do? How do you help your spouse?



- If you are a Christian, there is another person in your marriage
- God is also with you through those difficult times
- And not only can you talk to each other, you can talk to God
- God has promised his followers,
- Hebrews 13:5 *“I will never leave you or forsake you”*
- God is our heavenly father always watching over us
- And he is with us in the good times and bad times



- God has promised to be with us through the good and bad times
- And Christians can trust in Him during those bad times
- When a husband and wife are Christians they can seek God
- They can ask God for strength and ask Him for wisdom
- You pray to God together, there is strength in 2 praying
- And pray often
- Hebrews 3:13 *“encourage one another daily as long as it is called today”*
- That means we need to encourage our spouses daily



- Realize that bad times will come
- What will you do as a couple? Will you be ready?
- Who will you look to when the bad times come?
- God wants to be there for you, God wants to be your father
- When you are a Christian, you have hope for the future
- And you can give your spouse hope and love



II. Making your Marriage Last a Lifetime



- Malachi 2:15 *So guard yourself in your spirit and do not break faith with the wife of your youth.*
- The faith that is talked about here is not putting your faith in God
- It is the commitment to your spouse to be faithful to him/her
- It takes 2 to make a marriage work



- The marriage relationship is one thing that should last a lifetime
- God has joined together 2 people in the marriage
- And God wants the marriage to last for a lifetime
- I am going to give you my secrets of marriage to not break faith
- *Remember your commitment to the Lord Jesus*
- Your relationship with the Lord Jesus is the most important relationship that you have in life.
- And as you keep your relationship with Jesus strong,
- It will help to keep your marriage relationship strong



- *Remember your commitment to each other*
- When you were married, you made a commitment to live with your spouse for the rest of your life.
- *Do things together, find common interests*
- Something brought you together
- Do you remember what that was?
- Do things together, take walks, ride bikes, go to a movie, explore a new city together, explore the countryside together



- *Do things separate, do your own thing*
- This may seem like a contradiction to the last one, but it isn't
- You need alone time also.
- *Make plans for the future together, talk about it*
- You are in the marriage for a lifetime
- Therefore, make plans for a lifetime
- *Show your children a loving marriage*
- One of the best things you can give to your children is your strong marriage



May the Lord bless you in
your marriage

And as you seek the Lord,
He will make your marriage



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你们要分担彼此的重担,这样就成全了基督的律法。

너희가 짐을 서로 지라 그리하여 그리스도의 법을 성취하라

Ayúdense unos a otros a llevar sus cargas, y así cumplirán la ley de Cristo

Mchukuliane mizigo na kuitimiza hivyo sheria ya Kristo.

तुम एक दूसरे के भार उठाओ, और इस प्रकार मसीह की व्यवस्था को पूरी करो।

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The Bible is a book full of practical advice

There are stories of people that lived right and lived wrong

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And really we could apply these to anyone's life

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Some people may ask, why doesn't God protect Christians from the bad times? Why doesn't God make our lives happy and wonderful all the time?

That's maybe what you want, but that isn't what God has promised

Maybe you have heard that the happy Buddha takes away your problems, worries, stress, anger, pressure and sadness.

But that isn't life, and other gods never give you a perfect life

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And encourage one another daily

"I am with you, I am here for you, we will get through this together"

It is just easier to go through something with someone

That burden will be lighter because your spouse is helping carry it

And God has a big family when you are a part of a church there are people that want to help you.

It was a couple years ago and one of the women at ICC lost her babies

She was close to having twins, but the babies didn't live

By the time that I got there, there were 4 or 5 women at her bedside

at the hospital. Someone was helping watch their boy, meals were made She was surrounded by love.

But her husband was kind of forgotten in all of this

I talked to him and he asked, "why did God take our babies?"

I don't remember what I said, but he was struggling through this.

I listened and I said something like we don't know why these things happen

He wasn't a Christian and she was a new Christian

And then about 4 months later I got a call and he said that he had put

his faith in Jesus and he was a Christian. He wanted to be baptized.

That is what a loving caring church can do for a couple that is hurting

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If you are ever called on to talk to someone

Sometimes you don't say a word, maybe ever most of the time

You just listen, let your words be few
Most of the time your spouse just wants to be heard
That means you have to put aside whatever you are doing
Look them in the eye and listen

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One person may try really hard to keep a marriage together
But if the other person doesn't want to make it work
Or worse, if that person commits adultery, there is little hope for that marriage
Commitment is not popular in our world today
People change jobs frequently and people change spouses
People fall in love and then they fall out of love
One says, I don't love him/her anymore. Why?
What happened from the time that he said, "I do" till that moment?
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I have seen people who drifted away from the Lord and some of them got a divorce after that happened
Remember your commitment to each other
When you were married, you made a commitment to live with your spouse for the rest of your life.
And that commitment means everything
Remind yourself from time to time that you made the commitment
Tell your spouse that you are committed to him/her
These words are important in a world that cares little about commitment
Show the world that you can stay together

Do things together, find common interests
Something brought you together
Do you remember what that was?
Do things together, take walks, ride bikes, go to a movie, explore a new city together, explore the countryside together
Maybe you can find a hobby to do together
But don't always work separate, spend time together
Do things separate, do your own thing
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You need alone time also.
I do gardening and woodworking; Lori does writing and sewing
And that's OK, just keep a balance
Make plans for the future together, talk about it
You are in the marriage for a lifetime
Therefore, make plans for a lifetime
Talk about future jobs that you may want to do or that you are content to stay right where you are.
What will happen when your children grow up and you retire?
Will you move to a different place? Talk about it.
Show your children a loving marriage
One of the best things you can give to your children is your strong marriage
The child can rest in your marriage knowing that you are together
Even when you argue, let them know you are committed to each other

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