A Marriage That Will Not Fail

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INTRODUCTION

- The reason that God made woman was because he saw that it was not good for man to be alone.
- That account tells us that God intended for marriage to be for life.

1 Seek First the Kingdom of God

Matthew 6:33; Psalm 1:1

- Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.
- There needs to be a relationship with God.
- When there are problems, and there will be problems along the way, then what will happen is that one or the other, and certainly we hope both would say, Well, what is God's answer to this?
- The ungodly are people who do not have a relationship with God.

2 Love Is the Bond of a Happy Marriage

Colossians 3:14; Titus 2:4–5; Ephesians 5:25

- What's the basis for a happy marriage? And the answer really is love.
- Above all these things put on love is the bond of perfection.
- The Bible teaches us that love can be learned. The kind of love that marriages are to be based on can be taught.
- 1 Corinthians 13 describes it for us. And this is why I say it is that kind of love that homes are built upon.

3 Love Is in Control of Passions

1 Corinthians 13:4; Proverbs 21:19

- Love suffers long. What that indicates is that it's slow to lose patience.
- It is not easily provoked, it's not easily angered.
- Often before marriage, we cannot see any fault in the other. But after marriage, that's about all we can see.

4 Love Is Kind and Has No Spirit of Jealousy

1 Corinthians 13:4; Ephesians 5:21–28

- True love is going to seek what is best for his or her mate. That which is useful or needful.
- Love has no spirit of jealousy or to divide.
- Submitting to one another in the fear of God.
- A husband will not kill for his wife, but he should be willing to die for her.
- He's going to consider making decisions based upon what her needs are.

5 Love Does Not Seek Its Own or Act Shamefully

1 Corinthians 13:4–5; Galatians 5:19; Matthew 19:9

- Here's an individual in marriage who is seeking the welfare of the other. Not self first.
- The attitude of me first and what I want, instead of a spirit that says, I will not seek my own, but I'll seek what is best for all.
- Love indeed does not act in a shameful manner.
- They have to do with sexual immorality, and such as not to be found in a home. It will destroy that trust.

6 Love Is Forgiving and Overcomes All Obstacles

1 Corinthians 13:5–7

- Love is the kind of attitude that doesn't keep record of wrongs.
- Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things.
- We protect another. We guard for one another. We lift up one another. We try to encourage one another.
- Avoid conditional love. Indeed, apply the characteristics of true love.

THE CHALLENGE

Are you ready to turn to his word and follow his will? Would you come to the Lord in obedience, believing Jesus to be the Son of God, repenting of your sins, confessing your faith in him, and even being baptized this day?

MY NOTES