Verses That Will Protect Your Marrriage

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INTRODUCTION

- Marriage is under attack in our culture and in our society.
- If a brand new house is not looked after and kept up and maintained, that is exactly what can happen to it over time. And that same thing is also true when it comes to marriage.
- How do we protect our marriages? How do we keep the devil out of our marriages?

1 Jesus Talks About Marriage Before Divorce

Matthew 19:3–6; Song of Solomon 6:3

- For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.
- Before talking about the one exception in which God allows for divorce, notice how Jesus first talks about marriage.
- With the obvious exception being God Himself, no one on this earth is to come before our spouse.
- That language, one flesh implies that the relationship between a husband and his wife is the most important relationship on this earth.
- We need to be making sure that we are choosing to put our spouse first.
- I am my beloved, and my beloved is mine. That needs to be the mindset of married people.

2 Regard One Another as More Important Than Yourselves

Philippians 2:3–5

- Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind, regard one another as more important than yourselves.
- Being a Christian is about being like Jesus. It's about being humble like Jesus.
- These verses here don't just apply to the relationship we have with other brothers and sisters in Christ. No, these verses also apply to marriage.
- Marriage is to be a relationship where two people, a man and a woman, are devoted to serving each other.
- They're devoted to living their lives each and every day, asking the question of, what can I do for my spouse?

3 Always Keep Romance in Marriage

Proverbs 5:15–20; 1 Peter 3:7

- Drink water from your own cistern and fresh water from your own well.
- They are important verses for marriage because you know what they do? They talk about the constant need for romance.

- You gotta keep romance in the marriage because when you do, the Bible says you fight off temptation.
- You husbands in the same way. Live with your wives in an understanding way.
- We need to know what says, You're special. And I love you to our spouse, and we need to do it.

4 Husbands Love Your Wives Just as Christ Loved the Church

Ephesians 5:22–25; Ephesians 4:32; Ephesians 5:2

- Husbands love your wives just as Christ also loved the church and gave himself up for her.
- God never commands us to do anything that Jesus didn't do first.
- The church is the spiritual bride of Christ, and we husbands are to love our wives just like Jesus loves his bride.
- That's going to protect my marriage because that's going to put Jesus at the center of my marriage.
- It's going to help me accomplish the main goal of marriage. And that is to help my spouse go to heaven.
- While I cannot demand and press my spouse into faithful service to God, what I can do is influence them to do those things.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Maybe there's someone here that you, for the first time in your life, you need to obey the gospel. You need to become part of the church or the bride of Christ.**

MY NOTES