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INCREASING THAT MARITAL HAPPINESS

Eph. 5:28-33

I. It would be interesting to see your answers as to what you believe your God wants for you.

- A. Salvation of soul.
- B. See church grow spiritually.
- C. Tell others about Jesus.
- D. Yes, but also wants me happy in my home.

Eph. 5:28-33 "So men ought to love their wives

II. Here outlined are some principles for the Home's Happiness.

- A. Repeated instruction on the Permanency of the Home.

Eph. 5:31 "For this cause shall a man leave

Gen. 2:24 "Therefore shall a man leave his father and

Matt. 19:5-6 "For this cause shall a man leave

1. God unites. ⁶ "What therefore God hath joined

2. Man unties.

3. The "I" makes a big difference even from Marital to Martial as well as unite & untie!

4. How often & how many covenants does God have to state to get the permanent point across.

5. Enter arrangement c the permanent ideal in your mind.

6. Lipscomb, "Marriage is most sacred tie into which we are not born." (Dehoney Clip) - A

7. Clippings (Harnick Clip) - B

#1

#2

#3

#4

B. Man's type of love for his wife.

1. As their own bodies.

- (a) Same care for her he does for himself.
- (b) Bachelor & airline ticket #7.
- (c) Marriage is a continuous process of getting used to things you hadn't expected.
- (d) Marriages made in heaven clip #8.

2. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh.

- (a) Protects own body from cold & hunger, when sick & suffering seeks to restore - do same for her
- (b) Man married 32 yrs. - What's formula for success never show your worst side to your better half.

3. Man nourishes his flesh.

- (a) Contrasts c Egyptian proverb, "When you return home beat your wife 1st thing. If you have no reason, you can be sure she knows one."
Harnick "Risk" Pg. 171
- (b) Ben Franklin, "Keep your eyes open before marriage, half shut afterward."
- (c) Clip on Communication #9.
- (d) Lyndon Johnson, "I have learned only 2 things are necessary to keep one's wife happy. 1st let her think she's having her way. And second let her have it.

4. Man cherishes his flesh.

- (a) Literally "to warm" - then foster c tender care (Robertson - Word Pictures).
- (b) Warm - c clothing, food, shelter.
- (c) Clip on Norma #10.

(d) Marriage is an institution held together by two books - check & cook.

(e) McLaren Clip #11.

(f) Courtship continues with:

(1) Vocal expressions of love.

(2) Physical expressions of love.

#12 Humphrey

(3) Physical attractiveness - look your best.

(g) Adv. pays - 25 mt. in Colo. higher than Pike's Peak, yet you name one!

5. His ideal illustration is the Lord & His church.

(a) Mystery is that once hidden now revealed.

(b) Amos 3:3 "Can 2 walk together except

(c) Highest percentages of happy marriages were ones that occurred in church house & of folk of religious training.

6. Love his wife even as himself (V. 33).

(a) Shrinks at no sacrifice to bless his wife.

(b) Clip on 10th anniversary #14.

C. Wives, would you resent this type head of the house?

1. You enter c permanency.

2. "For this cause" - lit. "answering to this."

3. Ogden Nash, "Marriage is the only example of the happy meeting of the immovable object & the irresistible force."

4. You become one flesh.

(a) Interests are same.

(b) She repays 100 fold for interest shown.

(c) Takes 2 to make 1 - don't dissolve c God unite

5. You reverence your husband.

(a) Respects as head.

(b) "See" is added.

(c) **Reverence** = fear, honor, respect, obey will of husband.

(d) Barnes, "It is not best that there be an open exercise of authority - when commands begin, happiness flees.

(e) He also said, "Wives should give no occasion for commands issuance.

(f) Husbands should never wish on a wife anything it is not proper for her to render.

Best End 11-2-75

Your relationship with your mate is a marital or a martial one, depending on where you put the "I"!

The husband and wife who consistently place the happiness and well-being of the other partner ahead of personal desires find their marriage relationship considerably enriched.

"(Love) seeketh not her own" 1 Corinthians 13:5. This verse reveals the heart of the biblical principle of consideration and, when put into daily practice, is one of the best investments you can make in your marriage.

"Two Become One"

By J. Allan Petersen

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Marriage

In the arly days of the South, a male and female slave were often "married" by joining hands and jumping a broomstick three times. The plantation master would then say, " I pronounce you man and wife until death or dis-
tance to you part." Such a coarse, materialistic approach to marriage repels us! Yet, is it any more repugnant to imagine that the mechanical ceremony of jumping a broomstick establishes a marriage than to imagine that the mechanical ceremony of rapping a divorce court gavel dissolves a marriage! Or that a marriage is to last only "until death or distance" separates, or "until death or differences" separate!

"Homemade Happiness" by Wayne Dehoney

Marriage

A married couple will only be truly satisfied when (B) they live with each other, when they help each other in building their love, when they structure an emotional and personal relationship together which manifests itself in dialogue, when they have sexual intercourse, when they mature to parenthood, when they are bound together in a common world-view or a shared religious faith, and when they arrange their daily life, their vacations, their free time, their money, and so on together. In addition to this, their satisfaction is dependent upon their feeling of unity, that oneness which our fantasy conveys to us pictorially.

RISK AND CHANCE IN MARRIAGE

Bernard Harnik

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#1

Many bolshevist revolutionaries in Russia tried in vain to dissolve marriage because of its "family-oriented egoism." But they discovered that they were threatening the fabric of their society. The romanticists believed that they needed a formless love relationship to replace the institution of marriage, but they found themselves and their demands in a dead-end street. The institution of marriage proved to be stronger. All students of civilization, including Goethe, were of the opinion that marriage must be regarded as a chief bulwark of all cultural structures.

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Marriage resembles a pair of shears, so joined that they can not be separated: often moving in opposite directions, yet always punishing anyone who comes between them. #2

Sydney Smith

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How do you feel about your mate's job or #13
vocation? After surveying 17,533 case his-
tories, Burgess and Cottrell found the happi-
est marriages where the husbands were office
workers, teachers, athletic coaches, or mini-
sters. The type of education and the commu-
nity involvement of these vocations seem to
make for stability, permanence, and community-
standing for the family.

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One last word. The week before I wrote this chapter, I led a workshop on marriage in Topeka, Kansas. I asked each person in the group to write what he or she would like to hang in the home of every married couple in the world if they could. Here are a few: "Fight fair." "Don't give up." "Keep on keeping on." "Pray for patience." "No peace at any price." "Enjoy the journey."

For a Christian to be married is not easy. For a Christian to be single has many problems. Whatever our state, let's learn how to celebrate God's gift of sexuality in responsible ways.

"Ask Me to Dance"
Bruce Larson

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Marriage

"Paradoxical as it sounds, a basic ingredient in marriage is the ability to have one's own freedom curtailed by the needs of those among whom he lives. Elton Trublood describes as an essential feature in Christian marriage "the free acceptance of a bond, something which limits the undisciplined self-expression which is natural to man. The binding element is inherent in the family because without it, all the finer fruits of family love are impossible to produce. Marriage ties are permanently binding, not because of a priest saying some words, but because an unbinding marriage is no marriage at all."

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"Two people, virtual strangers despite even a long courtship, take a tremendous step into the unknown #6 when they present themselves for marriage, which is a lifetime commitment with no escape clause."

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On the way to the airport after the wedding, the bride asked her husband, a bachelor for forty years, if he had their plane tickets. He confidently reached into his pocket . . . and then saw that out of habit, he had bought just one ticket. "Incredible! Just one ticket. You know, dear, I've been married only an hour and already I've forgotten all about myself."

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"Marriage may be "made in heaven" as some sentimentalists insist, but the details of living together still have to be worked out in the bread-and-butter dimensions of daily living. The comedian who quipped, "My father got to marry my mother, but I've got to go out and marry a perfect stranger," revealed more clearly perhaps than he knew the secret anxiety of many a young person embarking on matrimony."

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"Communication," said the husband on his tenth anniversary,
"is the key to a happy marriage. When I talk, she listens. When
she talks, I listen. And when we both talk--the neighbors listen."

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The owner of the local doughnut shop was about to close up, as the rain came down in buckets late one night.

"Wait!" shouted a man. He ran, leaning against the strong wind, the rain battering his raincoat that he clutched to keep closed. "I need two doughnuts."

"Two? You came out on a night like this for just two doughnuts?"

"Right. Norma wanted one, so I figured I might as well have one, too."

"Is Norma your wife?"

"Who else," he sighed, wiping the rain from his face. "Do you think my mother would send me out on a night like this?"

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Humphrey in '76, Witches Say

NEW YORK (UPI) — According to a survey of 280 American witches, Hubert Humphrey will be elected president and medical researchers will conclude during the coming year that kissing is a serious threat to the nation's health.

The annual Halloween witches' poll was released Wednesday by the New York Center for the Strange, a nonprofit research organization. The center claims the witches accurately predicted a year ago the fall of South Vietnam and the CIA scandal.

Among predictions from this year's survey:

—New York will avoid default by receiving "a massive infusion of capital from a foreign source."

—Medical researchers will conclude the number of germs transmitted during oral con-

tact make kissing a serious threat to the nation's health.

—Hubert Humphrey will be elected president.

—One of America's most prominent political figures asks the Soviet Union for asylum.

—In an attempt to bolster sagging ratings, a television network will attempt to broadcast a hard-core pornographic film. A landmark court battle will follow.

—The economy will continue to make strong gains and the unemployment rate will drop sharply, though inflation will continue to be a problem.

And, the witches said, "there will be some hardship caused by nationwide shortages of chocolate, tea bags and laxatives."