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ALTERATION AFTER THE MARRIAGE ALTAR

Gen. 1:26-28

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Gen. 2:18-25

I. Actions of two men.

- A. Dr. Houston Karnes and I stood a long time in A.H. Aud. talking of Harding. One opera seat was down, "Excuse me, I've got to turn it up like the rest," he said.
- B. G. C. Brewer would stop a sermon to straighten up a bench.
- C. So with marriage, there needs be alterations even after the marriage altar.

II. Surely none want less than the ideal.

A. God wants your happiness

~~Gen. 2:18 "It is not good that the man~~

- 1. God established it for the increase of human happiness.
- 2. ~~Man alone has a sense of incompleteness.~~
 - (a) He may be rugged, strong, capable of clear thought.
 - (b) Yet lacks gentleness, sympathy and intuitive insight.
 - (c) Man cannot propagate himself.
- 3. ~~God gave a companion - a complement~~
to man--supplies all that's lacking.
Gen. 1:18 "I will make a help meet"
 - (a) A help "as his front"; his reflected image.

2.

(b) Man in his wife sees his image--his counter part. (2)

(c) No animal was fit--Adam had powers of observation and reflection.

(d) They were friends but no counterpart capable of rational discourse.

(e) Rib=side-she's one side of man--without her an intregal part is missing.

(f) "Closed side" yet man has no compensa-
tion for what was extracted from him save
in the woman

(g) God made a woman

(1) Not casual

(2) Not hasty

(3) Finished result of God's skill.

(4) Last and most perfect work.

(h) marriage gives back to man what he once lost and completes him.

(i) This is now (v. 23)

(1) Lit "this stroke" "beat of the foot"
"this time" "at last"

(2) He now recognizes companionship--he
sees his second self.

(3) Bone=my very own self, flesh=tender
and gentle qualities.

(j) man=ish

woman=female/ish,

womb/man

(k) Now quest of Adam satisfied.

3.

B. Created perfect--can we so keep it?

(3)

Gen. 2:24 "Unto one flesh"

They are no more

Matt. 19:6

"what therefore God hath joined"

1. Most intimate union.

2. Life long.

Mk. 10:9-"What, therefore God hath

Matt. 19:9 "Whosoever shall put ; & marry

Rom. 7:2 "For the woman which hath *an*

husband is bound by the law to her hus. so long as he liveth

III. What are alterations that must be made?

A. Adjustments to temperments and personalities

1. You may think you know faults and virtues
but *wait* til you live together.

2. When do you speak?

3. When are you holding your tongue?

4. What do you do with differences?

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B. Economic Adjustments.

1. Quarrel about money?
2. What if husband selfish?
 - (a) Spends all on self from golf to guns to gin!
 - (b) Is he considerate?
3. What if she always nags for more money?
 - (a) Encourage to but what can't afford just because someone else has it!
 - (b) Do each live for the other?
4. Do you determine to live within your means?
 - (a) Not so much what you earn but is the margin of income and outgo safe?
 - (b) Do you save for emergency?
 - (c) When crisis come if you have tried to meet it you feel better!
 - (d) Keep that united heart.

C. In-Laws

1. Do you think you married only your wife?
2. Keep in mind the back ground.

5.

- (a) Cut butter in lasses like Daddy
- (b) In Kansas ate the wrong end of the turnip. Didn't know cornbread or custard! Spiced round or burgoo.
- (c) Customs, conventions and convictions need to be seen.

3. There is still a father and mother after marriage. Affection should remain for them.

4. Parents need to remember there is a limitation on their authority.

5. Don't become nuisances by interference.

6. Couples:

(a) Keep private affairs private.

(b) Cultivate true affection for in-laws

(c) Always see the background and familiarize self with family background.

(d) If family meddles let them realize the deeper responsibility you carry. You can't please everybody.

(Above from O.A. Geiseman "Make Yours A Happy Marriage")

IV. Draw Strength Outside Yourself.

A. Feed on the Bread of Life

John 6:48-51

6.

B. Pray without ceasing--I Thess. 5:17

1. Pray together

2. Can you ask for forgiveness if you hold charges against your wife? Wipe the slate clean.

C. Expect Happiness to Increase

1. Learn to sense each other

2. Learn to depend on each other

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Linda Ramsey-Rest.

BEAUTITUDES FOR MARRIED COUPLES

1. Blessed are the husband and wife who continue to be affectionate, considerate, and loving after the wedding bells have ceased ringing.
2. Blessed are the husband and wife who are as polite and courteous to one another as they are to their friends.
3. Blessed are they who have a sense of humor, for this attribute will be a handy shock absorber.
4. Blessed are they who love their mates more than any other person in the world and who joyfully fulfill their marriage privilege with a lifetime of fidelity and mutual helpfulness.
5. Blessed are the married couples who abstain from alcoholic beverages.
6. Blessed are they who remember to thank God for their food before they partake of it and who set aside some time each day for Bible reading and prayer.
7. Blessed are they who attain parenthood, for children are a heritage of the Lord.
8. Blessed are those mates who never speak loudly to each other and who make their home a place where "seldom is heard a discouraging word."
9. Blessed are the husband and wife who can work out their problems of adjustment without interference from relatives.
10. Blessed are the husband and wife who faithfully attend the worship of the Lord's church.

via Central church's bulletin, Clearwater, Fla.

A PRICELESS GIFT

Want to give each of your children a present worth \$14,800? Set an example by stopping smoking.

For the smoker consuming a pack a day, the cost is about \$120 a year. If this money were put in a bank from age 17 to 65 and yielded a conservative 3 1/2 percent interest after taxes, the accumulation would amount to about \$14,800. For a family of two smokers this would total \$29,600. This is not the end of it. Smokers have about 50 percent more illness than non-smokers. And no one needs, do we, to be reminded what this costs in doctor bills?

via Radford, Va., bulletin.

WHY MARRIAGES FAIL

As one reads Matt. 19:3-9, he soon learns that God never intends that homes be broken for every cause. In spite of this fact we discover that we live in a nation in which nearly one out of every 3 marriages fail. Young people, before you get yourself into a situation that may prove disastrous; think soberly, plan prayerfully, love wisely and act intelligently. In order to help you establish happy homes let's observe some of the reasons that marriages fail.

One factor in marital failure is the drinking of alcoholic beverages. A person may be as nice as can be when sober; but under the influence of liquor become a beast. Such people sometimes become mean and abusive, won't work, and take money that should be spent on the family for their liquor. The person who begins drinking does not generally intend to be the kind of person we just described but we must remember Gal. 6:7-8, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting." Not only does an individual hurt himself and his partner when he drinks but he also hurts his children. The story is told of the father who received an emergency phone call, telling him that his daughter and her date were just killed in an automobile accident. He was told that they had been drinking. In his sorrow, his rage mounted, and he swore: "If I can just lay my hands on the one responsible for my daughter's obtaining liquor, I'll kill him!" Then, thinking that he needed a drink himself, he went to his liquor cabinet and found the following note: "Dear Dad: I'm leaving on a date with Tom. We've borrowed some of your liquor. See you tonight." Yes, the drinking of liquor has caused many a marriage to fail. -DRD

BIBLE READING

The Disciples were not losing time when they sat down beside their Master, and held quiet converse with Him under the olives of Bethany or by the shores of Galilee. Those were their school hours; those were their feeding times. The healthiest Christian, the one who is best fitted for Godly living and Godly labors, is he who feeds most on Christ. Here lies the benefit of Bible reading.