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Eph. 5:31-33

## I. Home is under attack.

A. G. B. Shaw, "Love makes the world go round; marriage makes it go flat."

B. 500,000 divorces annually. "The current notion of marriage is strong on romance & weak on commitment."

*liver or gizzard?*

1. Girl knew a boy was right for her "Because whenever I meet him I tremble all over like jelly!"

2. Assaulted from w/in - not so much w/out.

Mk. 10:6-7-8 "For this reason

Eph. 5:32 "This is a great mystery

## II. Some marriages fail because:

### A. Trivia.

1. "People wouldn't get divorced for such trivial reasons if they didn't get married for such trivial reasons."

2. Proverb "When you run in double harness take a good look at the other horse."

### B. In-laws & other's families.

1. Suddenly you are with them & have to love them over night!

### C. Individualism.

1. We talk about equality of sexes, "All men are equal but some are more equal than others" - who ever saw a retired housewife?
2. Lady, "This is my side of the story, now let me tell you his!"

### D. Preoccupation c material matters.

1. Wooden quote.
2. Wooden quote again.

### E. Forgetting the courtship courtesies.

1. No longer opens door.
2. She's in curlers.
3. "I pick up his papers every day--but he's still a grand guy."
4. Bureau drawer is full of cancel mag. sub. appeals envelopes, etc. - but it's her way - the rest is glorious."

Eph. 5:21 "Submit yourselves to one another.

5. Card on Maintenance.
6. Emerson Quote.

### F. Home becomes a debating society.

1. Soldier wrote, "Stop those nagging letters. You are 3,000 miles away & it don't do no good. Let me enjoy this war in peace."
2. Don't go to relatives c your troubles.
3. Develop tolerance.

3.  
4. Yet we must talk it out - Card on Judge Hill.

G. Sex life is happily fulfilled only in marriage.

1. There are inescapable responsibilities.
2. Durant, "By submitting to marriage we can take our minds off sex & become adults.
3. Sex life that is selfish, cold, thoughtless leads to marriage failure.

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Now at the heart of the pyramid is "condition." I stress this point with my players. I don't mean physical condition only. You cannot attain and maintain physical condition unless you are morally and mentally conditioned. And it is impossible to be in moral condition unless you are spiritually conditioned. I tell my players that our team condition depends on two factors--how hard they work on the floor during practice and how well they behave between practices. You can neither attain nor maintain proper condition without working at both.

"They Call Me Coach" - By John Wooden - Pages 89-90

At the same time it should be recognized that basketball is not the ultimate. It is of small importance in comparison to the total life we live. There is only one kind of a life that truly wins, and that is the one that places faith in the hands of the Savior. Until that is done, we are on an aimless course that runs in circles and goes nowhere. Material possessions, winning scores, and great reputations are meaningless in the eyes of the Lord, because He knows what we really are and that is all that matters.

"They Call Me Coach" - By John Wooden - Page 95

Anything you possess--home, car, television set--requires maintenance. What makes you think your marriage won't get a gremlin in it every now and then? Continue to work at it. Particularly communication. Remember, communication is the lifeline of marriage.

"Listening is the other half of talking."

"Games Husbands and Wives Play" - By John W.

Drakeford

Emerson said, "Every man I meet is in some way my superior." Forget your spouse's weaknesses, concentrate on the strong points.

After years of study, William James concluded, "The deepest principle in human nature is the craving to be appreciated." Remember this in your relations with your helpmeet.

Build your partner's affection for you by a positive action. Dale Carnegie says the fundamental principle for making people like you is, "Always make the other person feel important."

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Judge John Warren Hill of New York Domestic Relations Court recently reported on 250,000 cases of marital failure that have come before the court. His experience leads him to the conclusion that "bottled up resentments constitute one of the greatest dangers to marriage." His formula? Talk it out. He says that frank talk will do nothing but good, even though your initial response may be shock and wounded pride. He does make an important qualification-the marriage must be based on a firm foundation of love and unselfishness.

"Building a Christian Home"

Brandt and Dowdy

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