

The Facts And Fallacies Of Marriage

Marriage, Sexuality And Singleness | Part 2 of 6

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Text: 1 Corinthians 7:3-5, 2 Corinthians 6:14, Luke 14:28-30, Matthew 6:33

Big Idea: Since marriage involves more potential for both blessing and pain than any other human relationship, we must separate facts from fallacies.



I. **Fallacy: Marriage is completely necessary for a flourishing life.**

Fact: While a healthy marriage can be a huge blessing, singleness is a better road to flourishing for many people.

II. **Fallacy: Marriage is just a piece of paper, so why bother?**

Fact: Marriage is a sacred covenant designed by God.

1 Corinthians 7:3-4, "The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. 4 The wife's body does not belong to her alone but also to her husband. In the same way, the husband's body does not belong to him alone but also to his wife."

III. **Fallacy: I will change my mate after we're married.**

Fact: While some change is possible, a person's core-self seldom changes.

2 Corinthians 6:14, "Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?"

IV. **Fallacy: My mate will meet all of my needs.**

Fact: No human is going to meet all of your needs.

Luke 14:28-30, "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'"

The Man's Five Most Basic Needs In Marriage Tend To Be:

A. Sexual fulfillment.

1 Corinthians 7:5, "Do not cheat each other of normal sexual intimacy ... or you will expose yourselves to the obvious temptation of Satan."

B. Recreational companionship.

C. An attractive wife.

1 Samuel 16:7b, "Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

D. Domestic support.

E. Admiration.

The Woman's Five Most Basic Needs In Marriage Tend To Be:

A. Affection.

B. Conversation.

Dr. Ed Wheat wrote, "Husbands should realize that silence presents a negative feedback. As a counselor I have seen how a husband's silence, the seeming indifference to his wife's feelings, and his refusal to discuss things with her can destroy a marriage. It is said 'Adultery slays its thousands and silence its ten thousands.'"

C. Honesty and openness.

D. Financial support.

E. Family commitment.

Matthew 6:33, "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."