

## Protecting Marriage & Family

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Genesis 2:18, 24-25; Ephesians 4:25-27; Revelation 2:2-5

### Protecting Our Marriage & Family Is Crucial To Our Existence

#### I. If we don't protect our marriage & family

- A. The collateral damage could last for generations
- B. When the family loses, it impacts everyone
  - 1. Trauma occurs
  - 2. Mental health is impacted
  - 3. Addictions happen
  - 4. Hope is lost
  - 5. Suicide occurs
- C. Other casualties that occur when the family is impacted by division
  - 1. Loss of faith
  - 2. Loss of fellowship
  - 3. Loss of future hopes/dreams

#### II. We forget the family is under attack (We forget we are at war)

- A. It began in the Garden
- B. Steal, kill, & destroy
- C. Satan is like a roaring lion
- D. Satan is a deceiver
- E. Tactics used (weapons of war)
  - 1. Deception
  - 2. Dervision
  - 3. Division
  - 4. Destruction
  - 5. Destructive emotions

#### III. How do we protect our marriage & family?

- A. Recognize it is sacred
  - 1. Ordained by God
- B. Recognize it is unique
  - 1. Involves all 4 levels of love
  - 2. Designed to bless humanity
- C. Connect to Messiah
  - 1. "I am the vine, you are the branches. Apart from me you can do nothing."
  - 2. "Seek first the Kingdom of God"
  - 3. "Love one another as I have loved you"
- D. We don't keep love alive
  - 1. Left/lost our first love
  - 2. Duty, discipline, & doctrine
  - 3. Missing: desire, devotion, emotion, & enthusiasm
- E. Do the things you did at first
  - 1. Anticipation
  - 2. Affection
  - 3. Attachment
  - 4. Adjustment

#### IV. How do you rekindle the love?

- A. Examine yourself
- B. Serve your spouse
  - 1. Ephesians 5:21
  - 2. Leverage all of you to benefit the other
  - 3. Happy couples put each other first
- C. Spend quality time together
- D. Have adventures
- E. Keep rekindling
  - 1. Go back to original match

2. Go from fighting to flirting
  3. Go from demanding to serving
- F. Go from criticism to attachment
- G. Go from feeling defeated to fighting the good fight
1. Fight for your faith
  2. Fight for your family
  3. Fight for your future

**V. But what if it's already over?**

- A. God's Grace is amazing
- B. God is the God of new beginnings
- C. Healing is crucial
- D. Learn
- E. Regroup
- F. Lean in to what Jesus has in store for you

**Make Sure You Are Attached To The Vine  
As You Seek His Kingdom First**