

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1216: What Do I Say When I Talk to My Spouse?

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1. What does to “cleave” to our spouse entail? How do our lives change when we marry? What should the simple message of *cleaving* communicate to my spouse as well as to all others? How does Joshua 22:5 tell us how we should treat our spouses? (See also Genesis 2:23-25)
2. How can *eros*, or our romantic desires, improve our relationship with our spouse? How can it harm the relationship? Is passion a good basis for marriage? Should passion be a part of a committed marriage? (See Song of Solomon 1:2, Proverbs 5:18-20)
3. How should we communicate when we are angry or frustrated with our spouse? What is the difference between “peacekeeping” and “peacemaking”? Why is this important? What words should we use to frame our response when we are angry? How should we deliver them? (See Ephesians 4:25-32)
4. What responsibilities does a husband have in a Christian marriage? What responsibilities does a wife have? How do we cherish, honor and value each other in a marriage? (See 1 Corinthians 12:21-23, Ephesians 5:21-31, 1 Peter 3:7)
5. Why is it important to evaluate the thoughts we have while listening to our spouse? How can this help our communication? Why is the *philia* type of love so important here? (See Titus 2:4-5)
6. What is the basis of a strong marriage? What is *agape* love? How did God exemplify it? How did Jesus? What does Ephesians 5:25 mean to you as a husband? As a wife? (See also Genesis 2:24, Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, John 15:12)
7. How should we act towards our spouse when we are at odds and are struggling to communicate? What should we do when we cannot find the *philia* love in our marriage? Why is *agape* love so critical in this situation? (See Matthew 5:43-44, Luke 16:10 Romans 1:28, 31, Philippians 2:2-4, 2 Timothy 3:1-3)
8. What can we learn from the marriage of Priscilla and Aquila? What attributes make their marriage such a good example? (See Acts 18:1-3, 25-26, Romans 16:3-5, 1 Corinthians 16:19)
9. How do you communicate with your spouse? What blessings have you received from your relationship? How can you make your communication with your spouse more Christlike?