

Study QUESTIONS

Ep.1320: Can My Marriage Be a “Happily Ever After”?

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1. What type of happiness should Christians be seeking? With what attitude should we as Christians view our trials and persecutions? (See Matthew 5:3, 10-12)
2. How does God regard the seriousness of His covenants? What level of commitment does the Bible indicate should be practiced in a marriage covenant? What is the meaning of “a covenant of God”? (See Genesis 9:12-13, Proverbs 2:11-12, 16-17)
3. Instead of thinking of marriage as “happily ever after,” how should we rephrase our commitment in a more realistic and Christian way? What frame of mind best helps us to accept the inevitable challenges in our marriage experiences? What three ideas will help us approach our marriage covenant in a purposeful way? (See Romans 8:28)
4. What are two types of love in a marriage? How can agape love help to bring us joy? What is the best way of dealing with doubts about love in our marriages? (See Titus 2:3-4, John 15:11-12, Romans 5:1-5)
5. What is the role of honor in a marriage? In a challenging marital situation, how can we reframe our thinking about honoring our spouses? How should Christians deal with the afflictions in our lives? (See 1 Peter 3:7, Ephesians 4:15-16, 2 Corinthians 4:16-18)
6. What is the basis of our ability to truly respect our spouses? How does the Genesis account of Adam and Eve help us define our understanding of our own marriage commitment? (See 1 Timothy 1:17, Genesis 2:18, 21-22, Psalm 33:20)
7. What is the definition of the word “cleave?” How does it apply to our relationships to God and our spouses? How can we rejoice under difficult circumstances? What is one way we can reset our marital happiness? (See Joshua 22:5, Genesis 2:24, 1 Peter 1:3)
8. How does the trait of humility contribute to building our relationships? What is the “third strand” that will strengthen our marriages and help to bind us together? Why is it important? (See Romans 12:3-4, Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)
9. How can we be truthful with our spouses in a constructive way? What questions should we remember to apply in every challenging marital experience? (See Ephesians 4:25-27, James 1:17-22)
10. As Christians, describe what “happily ever after” looks like in your own marriage and life. What positive changes can you implement in your own marriage?