

DAILY READING: MARRIAGE

God created marriage to reflect the relationship between Jesus and His Church. Though I'm not old enough for marriage at this time, it is important to learn what God's Word says about marriage. Marriage is a gift from God. Marriage is meant for one man and one woman to live in love and loyalty to each other before God. Marriage does not protect us from loneliness or meet all our needs. Only Jesus can meet all our needs. Hard work is required to make a strong marriage filled with love and respect for each other. God is at the center of healthy marriages and He uses marriage to make us more like Jesus. In a healthy marriage, you see a willingness from the husband and wife to obey God and honor each other. Marriage is a gift from God for one man and one woman and must be lived as the Word of God describes.

DAILY STUDY: MARRIAGE

DAY 1: God's Design for Marriage – Matthew 19:4-6 (page 961); Genesis 1:27 (page 6); Genesis 2:18, 24 (page 6)

DAY 2: Roles in Marriage – Ephesians 5:21-33 (page 1165); Genesis 3:8-13, 16-17 (page 7)

DAY 3: Honor all Marriages – Hebrews 13:4 (page 1220); Proverbs 6:24-35 (page 621)

DAY 4: Divorce – Mark 10:2-12 (page 988); Malachi 2:14-16 (page 935)



84 Years?

Zelmyra and Herbert Fisher hold the Guinness record for the longest marriage. They were married for 84 years! They got married in 1924. They both lived to be over 100-years-old.

DAY 5: Marriage to an Unbeliever – 1 Corinthians 7:12-16 (page 1132); Hosea 3:1 (page 865)

DAY 6: Concerning Being Single – 1 Corinthians 7:1-40 (page 1132); Isaiah 56:3-5 (page 714)

DAY 7: United in Marriage – Genesis 2:21-24 (page 7)

Take time to learn the memory verse and have fun doing the activity.

ACTIVITY: Long Marriages

Divorce is a lot more common than it was 50-100 years ago. Who do you know that has been married 20 years, 30 years, 40 years, or maybe even 50 years? Find an older couple in your family or church who has been married a long time and ask them if you can interview them. Here are some questions you may want to ask.

How did you first meet?

How long did you date before you got married?

How long have you been married?

What are some of the difficulties you have gone through as a couple?

What has kept you together all these years?

What do you like about being married?

What has been most important in keeping your marriage strong?

How important is being friends with one another to the length of your marriage?

How important is God to your marriage?

MEMORY VERSE:

Hebrews 13:4
"Give honor to marriage, and remain faithful to one another in marriage."
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