

Title: Trusting God as your partner
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Marriage is a covenant

Ephesians 5:31 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.

Marriage refers to Christ & church

Ephesians 5:32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

Love and respect

Ephesians 5:33 However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

agapao - selfless, sacrificial, unconditional love

Phobeo - fear, afraid.

What is this love?

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 ⁴ Love is patient and Kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.⁸ Love never ends.

John 14:15 If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

1 John 3:18 Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

What is this respect?

Proverbs 15:33 The fear of the LORD is instruction in wisdom, and humility comes before honor.

Proverbs 16:6 By steadfast love and faithfulness iniquity is atoned for, and by the fear of the LORD one turns away from evil.

Disciple all children in obedience and honour

Ephesians 6:1-4 ¹ Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), ³ "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." ⁴ Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Revelations 3:19 Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.

Matthew 19:19 Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Disciple our children to bear much fruit

John 15:8-12 ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Do we trust in man?

Jeremiah 17:5-6 ⁵ Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. ⁶ He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

Do we trust in LORD?

Jeremiah 17:7-8 ⁷ Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.

⁸ He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."

We can be wrong?

Jeremiah 17:9-10 ⁹ The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? ¹⁰ "I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds."

Ask the LORD to heal us

Jeremiah 17:13-14 ¹³ O LORD, the hope of Israel, all who forsake you shall be put to shame; those who turn away from you shall be written in the earth, for they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living water. ¹⁴ Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise.

Trust in the LORD with all our hearts

Proverbs 3:5-8 ⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. ⁷ Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. ⁸ It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.

What does the LORD require from us?

Micah 6:8 He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you but
to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God

How do we build our relationships?

- Trust your partner
- Intimacy
- Communication
- Conflict resolution
- Have patience with one another
- Anger & tantrums must be avoided
- Be humble and resist pride
- Compromise your ideas
- Be honest and transparent