

TRUST IN MARRIAGE

1. Text: Matthew 19:3-9
2. Two weeks ago: Commitment in Marriage. That is absolutely essential. Now a second foundational element: trust.
3. Let's see its importance:

I. The Problem In Our Society

1. We live in a world of much mistrust.
2. That mistrust obviously is seen in multitudes of marriages: Affairs. "One night stands"
3. Horrible indictment: "I just can't trust him."
4. The untrustworthy: not worthy of trust!
5. Enormous temptations in the wrong direction.
6. "Unfaithful"
7. Prospects and "that uneasy feel"

II. The Principle At Stake

1. Trust is that glue of the marriage relationship (Matthew 19:5).
2. Trust: The firm reliance on the integrity, ability, or character of a person.
3. Deep in the heart of a woman: security
4. Many areas of trust: communication, behavior, values, finances, etc.
5. Trust and entrust and trustworthy
6. Results: assurance, confidence, stability, comfort, openness, vulnerability, safety, "take it to the bank mentality."
7. "Traveling men"
8. For the children's sake:
9. II Corinthians 5:7 "We walk by faith, not by sight."

III. The Passages Of Scripture

1. Judges 16:4ff Samson and Delilah (and 1100 pieces of silver)
2. Psalm 13:5 I have trusted in your mercy.
3. Proverbs 5 Loyalty to a wife, not harlots.
4. Proverbs 31:11-12 The heart of her husband safely trusts her.
5. Malachi 2:14 You have dealt treacherously with the wife of your youth.
6. Matthew 1:19 Joseph needs guidance in trusting Mary.
7. I Timothy 3:11 Wives are to be "faithful in all things."
8. Hebrews 13:4 Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled.
9. Ephesians 5:25 Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the church.

IV. The Particular Section Of Scripture

1. Look again at Matthew 19:3-9.
2. The whole section is saturated with trust.
3. Sexual intimacy was meant by God to be in context of the commitment and trust of marriage.
4. The "sexual revolution" and God's plans are two totally different things.
5. The total trust of the sexual experience is so important that to violate it can mean the break of the marriage bond. (Matthew 19:9) It is the only God-given reason for divorce and remarriage.

Conclusion:

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