

Protecting Your Marriage

Mission Statement:

To take as many people to Heaven as we can, before we die. Period.

1. Never _____ on your marriage.

Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?" "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So, they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate." Matthew 19:3-6 NIV

Marriage is a _____, not a contract.

A contract is based on mutual _____. A covenant is based on mutual_.

2. Stop a negative loop with a decision to create a _____. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:7-9 NIV

3. Deal with your issues _____ until solved.

"If a fellow believer hurts you, go and tell him—work it out between the two of you. If he listens, you've made a friend. If he won't listen, take one or two others along so that the presence of witnesses will keep things honest, and try again. If he still won't listen, tell the church. If he won't listen to the church, you'll have to start over from scratch, confront him with the need for repentance, and offer again God's forgiving love."

Matthew 18:15-17 MSG

Message Notes: The Holy Bible, New International Version. The Message, by Eugene Peterson. From This Day Forward, by Craig Groeschel. How to Change Anything, by Damian Hughes. The 7-Minute Marriage Solution, by Dr. Stephen Arterburn.