



PROTECTING YOUR
MARRIAGE

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Top Reasons for Failed Marriages

(divorcenet.com)

- Lack of Commitment
- Incompatibility and Growing Apart
- Communication Problems
- Extramarital Affairs
- Financial Problems
- Substance Abuse
- Domestic Abuse (Verbal, Emotional, Physical)
- Conflicts Over Family Responsibilities (Roles)

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Jesus Identifies the Problem (Matthew 19)

- *“because of the hardness of your hearts”* (v. 8)

“Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.” (v. 6)

PROTECTING YOUR MARRIAGE WITH:

Faith

- Marriage embodies love and reaches its apex when each draws near to each other by drawing near to God – **Matthew 22:37-40**
- The foundation for a healthy, God glorifying marriage is mutual faith – **Philippians 2:12; Ephesians 5:28-29; Luke 1:5-6**

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- The responsibilities in marriage are in relation to God – **Matthew 19:4, 6; 1 Corinthians 7:5; Ephesians 5:22, 24, 25, 29; Colossians 3:17-19; Titus 2:1, 4-5; 1 Peter 3:1-2, 4, 7**
- I become a better spouse and protect my marriage by being transformed – **Colossians 3:5-16**

PROTECTING YOUR MARRIAGE WITH:

Faith, Commitment

- Commitment is key to the success of any relationship – **Luke 14:28-30**
- Love is a specific commitment – **1 Corinthians 13:4-7**
- The disciples' response shows the weight of commitment – **Matthew 19:4-6, 9-12**

PROTECTING YOUR MARRIAGE WITH:

Faith, Commitment, Honor

- Marriage is to be held in honor – **Hebrews 13:4**
- The exclusivity of the sexual relationship – **Prov. 5:15-20**
- The need to possess your vessel in sanctification and honor – **1 Thessalonians 4:3-5**
- Always providing honorable things – **2 Cor. 8:20-21**

PROTECTING YOUR MARRIAGE WITH:

Faith, Commitment, Honor, Understanding

- **Ephesians 5:17; 5:22-33; 1 Peter 3:7** – concerning God's will, their responsibilities and needs, and potential hindrances.
- Understanding will lead to compassion, kindness, gentleness, patience, forgiveness, etc.

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- Understanding comes by pursuit, inquiry, and giving.
- **1 Corinthians 2:11** – won't know unless told/asked.
- **1 Corinthians 14:9** – won't understand unless communicated well, won't know of misunderstanding unless told.
- **James 1:19-20** – no understanding with only open mouths.

PROTECTING YOUR MARRIAGE WITH:

Faith, Commitment, Honor, Understanding, Humility

- The relationship put alongside the relationship between Christ and the church shows the need for mutual humility – **Ephesians 5:22-33**
- We must have humility that stoops to perform the role God has given – **Philippians 2:1-8**

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