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Sunday, June 5, 2016

“HAPPILY EVER AFTER”

(1 Peter 3:7-12)

During our *Family Matters* series, we've focused on marriage more than any other topic. It was intentional. Marriage is foundational to family strength. Marriage is a living illustration of the relationship between Christ and His church. The Gospel itself is wrapped up in testimony of Christian covenant marriage. Let's pray for and protect God's plan for marriage.

1. Great marriages _____ (v. 7 – understanding/considerate).

2. Great marriages _____ (v. 9 – evil for evil).

3. Great marriages _____ (v. 7 – showing honor/respect).

4. Great marriages _____ (v. 8 – blessing/love).

5. Great marriages _____ (v.10 – see good days).

6. Great marriages _____ (v. 10 – deceitful speech).

7. Great marriages _____ (v. 11 – turn from evil).

8. Great marriages _____ (v. 11).

9. Great marriages _____ (v. 12 – the eyes of the Lord).

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1. Great marriages listen (v. 7 – understanding/considerate).

2. Great marriages overlook (v. 9 – evil for evil).

3. Great marriages value (v. 7 – showing honor/respect).

4. Great marriages encourage (v. 8 – blessing/love).

“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up” (1 Thessalonians 5:11, NIV).

5. Great marriages dream (v.10 – see good days).

“Submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish” (Ephesians 5:21-27, ESV).

6. Great marriages are honest (v. 10 – deceitful speech).

“Honesty lives confident and carefree” (Proverbs 10:9, The Message).

7. Great marriages are holy (v. 11 – turn from evil).

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9, ESV).

8. Great marriages are peace-loving (v. 11).

9. Great marriages need God's help (v. 12 – the eyes of the Lord).