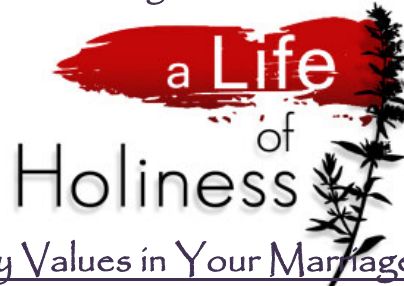


Boundaries In Marriage

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Boundary Values in Your Marriage / Holiness

Holiness is the kind of purity and trustworthiness from which the deepest kinds of passion flow

Rom 12:1-2 God's Holy Base line should be YOU

12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, *to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God — this is your spiritual act of worship.* 2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will.

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- Having holiness as a value in your marriage is a choice
- “Your Body” refers to all that you are. The very make-up of how you live each day.
 - Your priorities
 - Your Values
 - Your understanding of sin as declared in the Word of God
 - Your definition of God’s truth for you and your marriage.
- Your holiness baseline is set according the God’s word which places it opposite the baseline of the “pattern of the world”.
- Key place for change > your mind. Not just adjusted but transformed...fully changed at its very core.
- His will:
 - Desiring to discern God’s will > his perfect/holy will.
 - The process of finding His will can be academic or transformational. In our marriages we want transformational. World’s pattern > God’s patterns
 - His will contains His glory, not ours. When our finger print is on our marriage we are not reflecting Him.
 - Holy > set apart, separated, protected, limited, of great value. What an awesome marriage that is.

“The holiness of the Bible shows itself in a life transformed by the power of the *Holy Spirit* so that we reflect the very character of God Himself! This is not just a task that we place a checkmark beside when we are done. No, it is a radical transformation of our heart and life that has a deep impact on the way that we interact with other people, including our spouse! As a result, holiness has a very *practical* impact on marriage, because as we become more like God we are enabled to interact with our spouse with more “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, self-control.” The Marriage Prayer, Patrick Morley

Gal 5:22-26 The List

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

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- The Fruit of the Spirit is a direct expression of a life living for the Lord. The holiness that is imparted is now expressed in very real and tangible ways in a marriage as a couple grows in their relationship to God.
- A holy marriage is both a spiritual oasis and a practical reflection of Christ. It impacts every area of your marriage:
 - Communication: Truth, no coarse jesting, sarcastic insults etc
 - Trust: Core to every relationship as it allows growth for every season.
 - Companionship: Real sharing of our lives together with pure biblical intentions.
 - Loyalty: Especially in the difficult times for either one of you or as a couple.
 - Miracles: Together believing in God's awesome intervention and blessing.
 - Expectation: Hope together in His plan.
 - Hope: Grows together with vision
 - Revelation: Those ah-hah moment that take your marriage to a whole new depth. The uniqueness that only your marriage has.
 - Healing: The miracle of healing is key when based on the sanctified things of God.
 - Cleansing: God's power to cleanse us completely is infused into the everydayness of our marriage.
 - Acceptance: As He loved us unconditionally, so we love one another, and our marriage reflects His life. {The physical representation of Christ's love for the Church. }
 - Strength: The strength of the Lord to overcome the things of this world.

1 Peter 1:13-16 The Holy Boundary with God

13 Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. 14 As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. 15 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 16 for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." NIV

- We are given the challenge and are equipped to follow through.
- The worldly and personal history "ways" are killed by the Holy Spirit when we are born again.
- God's grace is extended as we build this wall of holiness around our marriage.