

# Facing the Giants In Marriage

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## Live on Purpose in Your Marriage

### Romans 12:3

<sup>3</sup> For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, *but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.* <sup>4</sup> Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

- > Humility in Healing releases an attitude of Honor to Help others
- > When you grow as a couple in the smallest or greatest area you are being made ready to serve others.
- > The challenge is answering the question, “Now What God?” vs “Glad that is over!”

### Film Clip

#### Let's Talk About It: How Big Is the Win?

1. What does it feel like to win in anything?
2. What does it feel like to lose in anything?
3. What does it take to live out: “If we win we will praise Him and if we lose we will praise Him?”

#### Preparing Your Hearts

##### Col 3:23

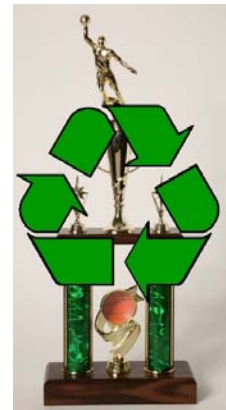
<sup>23</sup> Whatever you do, *work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men,*  
<sup>24</sup> since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

- > Work : Your identity converted into energy. Your actions reflect you.
- > As Believers we are transformed into His likeness and our vision and understanding of victory changes. Our marriage etc grows to reflect His likeness not our ability.

#### > **Your marriage is the physical representation of Christ's love for His Church.**

Ephesians 5:21-33 (32)

...This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church



- > Read Eph 5:21-33
- > Marriage is recorded from Genesis to Revelation, as a way of reflecting God's love relationship for Israel and the Church.
- > NOW it is all about your being transformed for the sake of others. It's not about you only!

### Ephesians 4:22ff A HEART READY TO SERVE

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;<sup>23</sup> to be made new in the attitude of your minds;<sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

- > Your new self is not about you being reflected, but God reflecting Himself in and through your marriage.
- > New attitude: What can we learn?
- > New self: Who are we becoming as a couple/family/Husband/Wife?

**KEY: YOU PUT IT ON!!!!**



### The Big Picture

#### Galations 5:13ff

<sup>13</sup> You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. <sup>14</sup> *The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."*

- > Who is my neighbor? Jesus labels that one that is in need even if you do not know them. (parable of the Good Samaritan)
- > Once you have been helped, healed or given understanding; God gives you a "neighbor" to help.
- > The boundary God gives you for your testimony is service to others.
- > Without a "Neighbor" you have:
  - Pride
  - Self Serving
  - Stagnant living > just maintaining the victory but no growth
  - Failure

#### Luke 12:48ff

"But people who are not aware that they are doing wrong will be punished only lightly. *Much is required from those to whom much is given, and much more is required from those to whom much more is given.*

- > God has an expectation for you as you grow in your marriage.
- > The strength given allows you to impart that strength to others.

### Game On: "the Big Picture of My Marriage/Family"

#### **1. Who is my neighbor?**

Whether good or bad, who are you impacting in you marriage?

#### **2. His purpose is to use your renewed marriage?**

Without a vision the people perish. His vision for you.

#### **3. Fear of failure keeps the testimony in....**

God wants it out! We (continue) to over-come by the testimony of His work in our lives. God will arrange the questions> you have the answers

#### **4. Be a disciple> learner of the things He is teaching you.**

Putting good seed into good soil produces good fruit!

