

Marriage on the Rock

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Foundational Laws of Marriage:

Purity

Ps 18:25-27 *God's Attitude Toward Purity*

25 To the faithful you show yourself faithful, to the blameless you show yourself blameless, 26 to the pure you show yourself pure, but to the crooked you show yourself shrewd. 27 You save the humble but bring low those whose eyes are haughty. NIV

- True purity comes from the life changing work of Christ in our lives. You have to have a “spring of living water” to pour out into another’s life.
- Key here is God’s attitude> He reveals His purity only when there is a clean vessel to pour Himself into. God is looking for pure /clean vessels to pour Himself into. The dirt of sin stops Him from releasing His presence into our lives and our marriages. Grace keeps the door open and repentance cleans the vessel out.

1 Peter 3:1-4 *The Power of Purity Over Sin*

Wives, in the same way be submissive to your husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, 2 when they see the **purity** and reverence of your lives. NIV

- Innocent/perfect/pure
- What better way to live but to be pure in our actions, thoughts, and attitudes. When we walk in purity we release God’s power to move unhindered through us> even bringing salvation into our home.
- Without purity we are just rearranging the old stuff. It seems better but it ends up moved around and dirty. The old has not gone so the new can’t come.

Phil 4:8-9 *Meditate on Pure Christ Like Thoughts*

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me — put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. NIV

Ps 24:4 The Pure Access To God

3 Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? 4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false. NIV

- We want access to our spouse in the intimacy of the Marriage Covenant> a pure/clean heart/mind/ life opens that door to His truth and presence.
- What impure things can get in the way?
Prov 6:16-19
16 There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: 17 *haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, 18 a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, 19 a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers.* NIV
 - Not only what comes out but what goes into your heart
 - The fruit of these actions come from impure seeds. The result is a marriage that is built on impure ideals and values.

"Violence on television, basically, has three types of negative effects on people."

1. **INCREASES VIOLENCE.** "...Many studies show that violence on TV actually leads to aggressive, violent behaviors in the world, most prominently through imitation.
2. **DESENSITIZATION AND CALLOUSNESS.** We no longer object to behavior [and language] that a few years ago we would have been insulted by... We've become very desensitized, and it's corrupting.")
3. **FEAR.** Children may have the false notion that violence or abuse is around every corner and that there is no good in this world.

QUESTION: Do you allow your family to watch programming riddled with violence? Does your heart lead you down the path of worldliness, seeking violence? Or are you active in showing your family that true followers of Christ are known as peacemakers in this violence-scarred society? As the old proverb goes, your actions speak louder than your words. What do your actions say? ChristianAnswers.net

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