

I WILL HONOR GOD WITH MY

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## MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS:

- I will memorize **Hebrews 13:4 (NLT)**
- I will accept Christ for the first time or recommit my life to Christ
- I will join the New Life church family
- I will create monthly date nights
- I will offer grace and mercy to my spouse

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# CONSTRUCTING AWESOME RELATIONSHIPS

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*"Sometimes I wish everyone were single like me—a simpler life in many ways! But celibacy is not for everyone any more than marriage is. God gives the gift of the single life to some, the gift of the married life to others. I do, though, tell the unmarried and widows that singleness might well be the best thing for them, as it has been for me. But if they can't manage their desires and emotions, they should by all means go ahead and get married. The difficulties of marriage are preferable by far to a sexually tortured life as a single."*

**1 Corinthians 7:7-9 (MSG)**

**MEMORY VERSE:** *Give honor to marriage,  
and remain faithful to one another in marriage.  
God will surely judge people who are immoral  
and those who commit adultery.*

**Hebrews 13:4 (NLT)**

## WHY MARRIAGE MATTERS: GOD CREATED MARRIAGE FOR...

1. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF MEN & WOMEN.  
God said, "It's not good for the Man to be alone; I'll make him  
a helper, a companion." **Genesis 2:18 (MSG)**

*"But at the beginning of creation God made them male and female. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."* **Mark 10:6–9 (NIV)**

## **2. THE MULTIPLICATION OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ RACE.**

*"So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth ..."*

**Genesis 1:27–28 (NKJV)**

*"God, not you, made marriage. His Spirit inhabits even the smallest details of marriage. And what does he want from marriage? Children of God, that's what. So guard the spirit of marriage within you. Don't cheat on your spouse."* **Malachi 2:15 (MSG)**

## **3. THE PROTECTION OF \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"Those who respect the Lord will have security, and their children will be protected."* **Proverbs 14:26 (NCV)**

## **4. THE CONSTRUCTION OF \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"Righteousness lifts up a nation, but sin is a disgrace in any society."*

**Proverbs 14:34 (GW)**

## **5. THE REFLECTION OF OUR \_\_\_\_\_ WITH CHRIST.**

*"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church—for we are members of his body. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband."* **Ephesians 5:25–33 (NIV)**

## **HOW TO FIGHT FOR YOUR MARRIAGE IN THE SEASONS OF LIFE**

### **• SPRING: WHEN LIFE IS \_\_\_\_\_**

#### **Suggestions**

*Take a day off*

*Date your mate*

### **• SUMMER: WHEN LIFE IS \_\_\_\_\_**

#### **Suggestions**

*Don't become complacent*

*Use this season to invest in your relationship*

*Fight boredom with creativity*

*Do a tune up and attend a marriage seminar*

### **• FALL: WHEN LIFE \_\_\_\_\_**

#### **Suggestions**

*Stop using incompatibility as an excuse*

*Remember love is a choice (not a feeling)*

*Accept what's never going to change offer grace & acceptance*

### **• WINTER: WHEN LIFE \_\_\_\_\_**

#### **Suggestions**

*Don't judge your mate's feelings or try to talk them out of a feeling*

*offer comfort, accept comfort*

*Close the escape hatch **BEFORE** the crisis*