

SUNDAY—JUNE 21

Esther 3-5; Acts 5:22-42

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1 Corinthians 7:7 For I would that all men were even as I myself. But every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that.

Wait if you have to. Question #6—"I believe it's better to marry the wrong person than to remain single and lonely throughout my life." Once more, the correct answer is "false." It is much better to still be looking for the right person than to be involved in a bad marriage, even though being single may be lonely. It is a wonderful blessing for a man and a woman to be happily married, enjoying each other's friendship and perhaps raising children. However, God did not intend for everyone to fit this pattern. The Apostle Paul said that it is better for some to remain unmarried. It is unwise to seek marriage at any cost. People who fear being alone are sometimes willing to accept any invitation that is offered, even from someone they don't love. This often ends in tragedy.

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Nehemiah 1-3; Acts 2:1-21

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1 Corinthians 13:4 Charity suffereth long...

What is the difference? Even for those who know that infatuation is self-centered and temporary, they may eventually confuse it with genuine love. How, then, can they tell the difference between these two "conditions?" How can they interpret their own feelings? There really is only one way to distinguish puppy love from the real thing—give yourself time to test your emotions. You will gradually come to understand your own mind and know what is best for the other person. I'm sorry to tell you this, but the younger you are, the longer you should wait. You may be abnormally mature for your age, but for the most part, young couples should not get married until they are in their twenties. For both your sakes, wait...

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1 Corinthians 13:11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

Happy Hardships. #2—"I believe that if a man and a woman genuinely love each other, then hardships and troubles will have little or no effect on their relationship." Again, the answer is "false." Love is like life—it is delicate and fragile. It can be broken, crushed and ruined. Death, sickness, and poverty have the potential to severely damage a genuine loving relationship. You would never dream as a young couple that your spouse or a child would be diagnosed with a terminal illness. Imagine having a child born mentally handicapped. The strain of these situations is more than you can imagine. The weight of such situations weighs daily on individuals, and a couple that does not seek God's grace can struggle in their own relationship as a result. Your walk with God will be of utmost importance in the strength of your marriage. Don't take it for granted.

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Song of Solomon 3:2 I will rise now, and go about the city in the streets, and in the broad ways I will seek him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not.

It is extremely important to realize that there are more than two voices in your head. Its not just good and evil or God vs. the devil. There is YOU—the voice of your soul (as opposed to the voice of your spirit and flesh). Have you ever watched a missionary presentation and felt compelled to go? Your flesh wasn't speaking to you, right? So, it must be the Lord! Not always the case... Sometimes our soul simply has compassion for a need, but it has nothing to with the Spirit's guidance. The same thing happens to many couples. Our soul falls in love with that person, but it has nothing to do with the Spirit's leadership. God will lead you if you seek Him. Make life's mate a serious matter of prayer. God has a match for you, but you must depend on the Holy Spirit for guidance.

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1 Corinthians 13:8 Charity never faileth:

No Arguments? Question #3—"I believe that people who sincerely love each other will not fight and argue." The answer to this third item may surprise you. The statement above is FALSE. People who genuinely love each other still have differences of opinion. The fact is that there will come a time when you both think you are right, and neither of you will be willing to back down. I personally don't know of a marriage where the marriage is so harmonious that the couple never has a disagreement. No matter how deep your love, you will have conflicts. Remember this: The first twelve months of your marriage may be the most difficult. Don't freak out when it happens. It doesn't mean you married the wrong one.

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Work on Your Differences. The difference between a good marriage and a bad one is that you work together to create solutions to your problems. You will have moments of struggle, but in a healthy relationship the husband and wife search for answers and areas of agreement because they love each other very much. What, then, is a “bad” marriage? It is one where each partner loves himself more than the other person. They have the attitude: “I married you because I thought you would be good for ME.” When marriage occurs for selfish reasons, then routine arguments become more serious. This often results in the two becoming bitter enemies.

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Nehemiah 10-11; Acts 4:1-22

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James 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

Dreams of Marriage. Question #4—I believe that God selects one particular person for each of us to marry, and that He will guide us together. I have great faith in God, and I believe that all of the important decisions of life should be preceded by prayer and requests for divine guidance. Our heavenly Father, in response, is very loving and merciful to those who seek His help; He will reveal His will. Nevertheless, the answer to #4 is “False.” In fact, those who believe that God automatically puts the right people together are in danger of making a tragic error in judgment. They may think that the first person with whom they are infatuated is the one sent by God, and off they go into forty years of conflict. God’s will may not be the first one who comes along.

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