

X-Rated Marriages

Subject: Family/Social Issues
 Objective: To show the importance in following the blueprint when it comes to Marriages and the sacredness of Marriage and the home
 Main Text: 2 Kings 11:1, 2

ATTENTION

In the book, Day by Day with Billy Graham, written by Joan Winmill Brown, the noted evangelist says, “The home is basically a sacred institution. The perfect marriage is a uniting of three persons—a man and a woman and God. That is what makes marriage holy...”

Harold Lindsell in his book, The World, The Flesh and The Devil, makes this fascinating point, “At a time of history when standards of conduct are at an all time low, and when the barriers of holiness are being broken down by licentiousness, impurity and sexual irregularities, Christians ought to rise to the challenge of living for God in such a way that the world will know they are true followers of Jesus Christ.”

NEED AND SATISFACTION

- I. Marriage has fallen upon tough times.

ILLUSTRATION

A little girl asked, “Grandma, why is your wedding ring so big and thick?” Her grandmother told her, “Honey, when we got married, wedding rings were made to last.

APPLICATION

This statement is far from true today. Whether the ring is thick or thin marriages are in chaos in every society.

1. Some wives have the ring but another woman has the man.
 2. Some men have the house but the wife sleeps in another man’s bedroom.
 3. Some women have the ring and the man but the marriage is sour like lime.
 4. Wife said, “I was looking for the ideal, but it became an ordeal. Now I want a new deal.”
- II. It is clear that the sacred institution of marriage is in trouble.

What are X-Rated Marriages

- I. Any film that is classified as X-rated by the movie industry is lurid. You know what to expect when you view it.
- II. X-rated movies have carnal sex, perverted sex or extreme violence.
- III. You look at them at your own risk.

PUNCH: Any Marriage that falls outside of the direction given in the Holy Word of God is X-rated.

1. Same sex marriage is X-rated. (Romans 1:27, 28)
2. Marrying someone who can be your father or mother is X-rated.
3. A believer marrying an unbeliever is X-rated. (2 Corinthians 6:14)

Why X-rated?

1. They have God's stamp of disapproval.
2. Such marriages always bring trouble.
- IV. Abraham came from a pagan family but he followed God's instructions and in doing so, he did not want his son to marry a woman who came from a pagan or immoral family. (Genesis 24:3)
- V. Parents must be careful that their sons and daughters have sound and spiritual Christian friends.
- VI. Old Testament patriarchs took pains to tell their children not to marry heathens. (Genesis 28:1)

Ungodly Marriage in the Bible

1. Ungodly (X-Rated) Marriages caused the greatest catastrophe the world has ever known. (Genesis 6:2)
2. Samson refused to listen to his parents and married a heathen woman. (Judges 14:2, 3)
3. X-Rated Marriages finally destroyed the kingdom of the wisest man on earth. (1 Kings 11:1-2)
4. His heathen wives persuaded him to set up idols and worshipped their gods. (1 Kings 11:3-6)
5. Solomon was wise in statecraft and politics but he acted foolishly in the realm of sex. He was unequally yoked.

Results of X-Rated Marriages

1. Unhappiness
2. Divorce (1993 statistics in America: 2.3 million married; 1.2 million divorced)
3. Loneliness (Separation)
4. Suicide (Man drank gramaxone after his wife 17 years older could not handle his sexual desires)

VISUALIZATION

- I. We can expect things to get worse. Our society will continue to slide into gross immorality. (Matthew 24:37, 38)

Do not be surprised:

- a) If Satan agents get “gay rights” written into the constitution.
 - b) If they start selling do it your self abortion kits.
 - c) If they make intercourse a required “final exam” for high school education courses.
- II. Our nation’s sexual morals are on a long downhill slide and they will slide faster until we get closer to the coming of Jesus Christ.
 - III. The rotting moral fiber of our time reminds us Christians that our deliverance is almost near. (Luke 21:28)
 - IV. Soon Jesus will come. (Hebrews 10:35-37)
 - V. We are about to consummate the most glorious spiritual event the sex represents- the union of Christ with his church.
 - VI. BE READY AND STAY READY

ILLUSTRATION

A servant whose master and mistress were away was uncertain when they would return. A friend visited her and feeling very tired went in to rest. When she got up she saw that the servant had gone to all kinds of trouble to lay the table for tea as if her master and mistress were coming home that day, but her friend answered, “I have not heard but as the time is uncertain, I always have everything ready each day.”

APPLICATION

This is a vital lesson for everyone here tonight-to have everything ready every day and every hour of the day. The Lord wants us to live all the time as if today would be our last.

APPEAL

- I. When Christ returns everyone will be involved. You will be either ready or not ready. But the good news is every person who can hear the voice of the Master can be ready tonight. Tonight you can enjoy the pleasure of his presence forever.
- II. My friends, I will now make three very powerful statements of which God expects you to respond in the affirmative.
 - a. If Jesus should come today will you be ready? (Ponder)

- b. Do you believe that it is important that you be ready, now that you have the opportunity?
- c. Are you willing to anything that is necessary so that you can be ready?

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