

# Coral Hill Ladies Day – October 24, 2015

## Lesson 1 – Marriage: God’s Creation – Tiffany Secula

### God’s Creation

God created the marriage union – the family unit.

Genesis 2:18, “And the Lord God said, “It is \_\_\_\_\_ that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.”

Genesis 2: 24-25. 24 Therefore a man shall \_\_\_\_\_ his father and mother and be \_\_\_\_\_ to his wife, and they shall become \_\_\_\_\_ flesh. 25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.”

#### Three Steps To God’s Plan

1. Leave - \_\_\_\_\_
2. Cleave - \_\_\_\_\_
3. Weave - \_\_\_\_\_

Ecl. 4:9-12. 9 “\_\_\_\_\_ are better than \_\_\_\_\_,”

The first command, “Be fruitful and multiply.”

A godly bond and union established by God for a godly purpose – to bring about a godly seed – a faithful family. Malachi 2:15 “But did He not make them \_\_\_\_\_, having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? He seeks godly \_\_\_\_\_.”

He is a God \_\_\_\_\_!

A \_\_\_\_\_ calls both the man and the woman to be responsible not just for themselves but also for their spouse and their vows.

Ephesians 5:22-end - A picture of God’s plan for the ideal marriage.

### Destroyed By The World

Genesis 3 Vs. 8 – God walking with them – closeness  
Vs. 9 – Do you realize where you stand? Lost in sin, separated from me?  
vs. 10 – Shame enters the relationship – Separation from God is realized  
vs. 11-12 – Separation between husband and wife – He places blame on her and on God for giving woman to Him.  
vs. 13 – The blame game continues – no responsibility taken for actions  
vs 14-24 – Curses, punishment, covering for sins, and a promise of redemption.

Within marriage there are destroyers: anger, lying, miscommunication, busyness, anything really that tears us apart from one another, weakening our bond.

Let’s look at a few examples of the sins against marriage that the Bible mentions:

Incest – Lev. 18:6-18; 1 Cor. 5:1; Gen. 19;

Adultery – Lev. 18:20; Ex. 20:14; Deut. 22:22; Matt. 5:32; Rev. 2:20-22

Homosexuality – Lev. 18:22; Rom. 1:24-24; Jude 1:7-8

Bestiality – Lev. 18:23

Behaving as The Opposite Gender – Deut. 22:5

Rape – Deut. 22:25-29; Gen. 24

Fornication – Deut. 22:23-24; matt. 15:19; Mark 7:21; Acts 5:20, 29; Col. 3:5; Eph. 5:3-5; Gal. 5:19; 1 Cor. 6:9, 18; 1 Cor. 5:1, 9-11; Acts 21:25; 1 Thess. 4:3; 1 Tim. 1:10

Lust – 1 John 2:16; Matt. 5:28; Rom. 1:24; Rom. 6:12

Prostitution/Harlotry – 1 Cor. 6:13-20; Jer. 5:7, 7:9; Hos. 4:14; 1 Sam. 2:22-25; Lev. 19:29; Deut. 23:18; Ps. 106:39

Sexual Immorality: Acts 15:20, 29; 1 Cor. 5:9-13; 1 Cor. 6:13; 1 Cor. 10:8; 1 Thess. 4:1-8; Rev. 2:14; Rev. 9:21; Rev. 21:8; Rev. 22:15.

All these can lead to that which God hates – Divorce – Matt. 5:32, 19:9; Mark 10:1-12 ; Mal. 2:16;

Though not specifically mentioned as a sin, the Bible also shows examples of polygamy in marriage and it is always associated with negativity and problems in the family and home. (Abraham, Sarah & Hagar; Jacob, Leah & Rachel, Solomon and all his wives to name a few.)

“Marriage is \_\_\_\_\_ among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.”  
(Hebrews 13:4)

## Restored By God

God can give our marriages life!

1 Cor. Chapter 7: 17 “But as God has distributed to each one, as the Lord has \_\_\_\_\_ each one, so let him \_\_\_\_\_ . And so I ordain in all the churches.”

God has called us to walk in a certain way. We need to walk in and be an example in our marriages as God’s creation.

First, we must recognize and remember that our marriages are not our own, but God’s. He established them, set the pattern, made the rules, and they are subject to Him.

Hebrews chap. 2: 5-9. Everything has been placed under subjection to the Lordship of Jesus. That means our marriages are to be subject to Him as well!

Proverbs 19:23 says, <sup>23</sup>“The fear of the Lord *leads to* \_\_\_\_\_, *And he who has it will abide in* \_\_\_\_\_; He will not be visited with evil.”

Prov. 19:21 “There are many plans in a man’s heart, Nevertheless the LORD’s counsel—that will \_\_\_\_\_.”

Isaiah 55:8-9 **“For My thoughts *are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the Lord.*** <sup>9</sup>“For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.”

Call on Him to purify and sanctify our hearts and our homes. Psalm 139:23-24, “ \_\_\_\_\_ me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my \_\_\_\_\_; <sup>24</sup>And see if *there is any* wicked way in me, And \_\_\_\_\_ me in the way everlasting.”

Romans 8:14, “For as many as are \_\_\_\_\_ by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.”

James 1:5 says, “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him \_\_\_\_\_ of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.”

Let us ask God to show us, to teach us, to lead us as we lead out homes. Let us pray for wisdom and strength to grow our marriages into what He would have them be. To protect them from the damaging influences of the world.

When we do this, when we put our heart and effort into this – then our marriages will overcome.

1 John 5:1-5 says {READ}

Let us love God, and keep His commandments. Not just the commandments for salvation, for worship and obedience, but all of them. Putting them into practice in our homes. When we do this we will overcome this world! Overcome the landmines it places in our paths and we will “world proof” our marriages!