Marriage Class – Faith-filled Marriages 9/7/2022 Ps. Al, Tammy

Part 3: Wives honor your Husbands as unto the Lord

INTRO

<u>5 rules</u>

1. By grace through faith - revelation in our spirit and heart

2. BHAG: The only measure of relationship behavior towards one another is as unto the Lord.

- When he/she becomes honoring/submits
- 3. DIVORCE is not an option: no Faith
- Only provision is for infidelity- God will separate also
- 4. Love is a choice
- 5. Covenant is enforceable by God not you
- Marriage covenant made before the Lord is subject to the Lord

"giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God." Ephesians 5:20-21 NKJV

• It's important to begin with the understanding that submission is first to one another

Rom 12:10 Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ESV

• Honor is also towards one another

Last week List from God's Word for everything we are accountable in faithfulness to our wives as we prepare to present her to the Lord.

• Men if you made that list, those commands of God our primary ministry after God to our wives

- You will hear well done My good and faithful servant
- Wives would submit to a rock if they experienced that level of faithfulness

WIVES HONOR YOUR HUSBANDS

"Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything."

Ephesians 5:22-24 NKJV

- "Just as": in the same manner
- The world's view of marriage won't support this thinking

"And now let me speak to the wives. Be devoted to your own husbands, so that even if some of them do not obey the Word of God, your kind conduct may win them over without you saying a thing. For when they observe your pure, godly life before God, it will impact them deeply. Let your true beauty come from your inner personality, not a focus on the external. For lasting beauty comes from a gentle and peaceful spirit, which is precious in God's sight and is much more important than the outward adornment of elaborate hair, jewelry, and fine clothes."

1 Peter 3:1-4 TPT

"Holy women of long ago who had set their hopes in God beautified themselves with lives lived in deference to their own husbands' authority. For example, our "mother," Sarah, devoted herself to her husband, Abraham, and even called him "master." And you have become her daughters when you do what is right without fear and intimidation."

1 Peter 3:5-6 TPT

• Deference: humble submission and respect

"Now, this is the goal: to live in harmony with one another and demonstrate affectionate love, sympathy, and kindness toward other believers. Let humility describe who you are as you dearly love one another. Never retaliate when someone treats you wrongly, nor insult those who insult you, but instead, respond by speaking a blessing over them—because a blessing is what God promised to give you."

1 Peter 3:8-9 TPT

"But instead be kind and affectionate toward one another. Has God graciously forgiven you? Then graciously forgive <u>one another in the depths of Christ's love</u>." Ephesians 4:32 TPT

"Perhaps. But because of the danger of immorality, each husband should have sexual intimacy with his wife and each wife should have sexual intimacy with her husband. A husband has the responsibility of meeting the sexual needs of his wife, and likewise a wife to her husband. Neither the husband nor the wife have exclusive rights to their own bodies, but those rights are to be surrendered to the other."

1 Corinthians 7:2-4 TPT

"So that they will wisely train the young women to be sane and sober of mind (temperate, disciplined) and to love their husbands and their children, To be selfcontrolled, chaste, homemakers, good-natured (kindhearted), adapting(FLEXIBLE) and subordinating themselves to their husbands, that the word of God may not be exposed to reproach (blasphemed or discredited)." Titus 2:4-5 AMPC

Pair up

• Husbands list the top 3 virtues you believe of your wife without showing one another

- Wives list the top 3 virtues you believe you bring to your husband
- Compare

"Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies. The heart of her husband safely trusts her; So he will have no lack of gain. She does him good and not evil All the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, And willingly works with her hands. She is like the merchant ships, She brings her food from afar. She also rises while it is yet night, And provides food for her household, And a portion for her maidservants. She considers a field and buys it; From her profits she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, And strengthens her arms. She perceives that her merchandise is good, And her lamp does not go out by night. She stretches out her hands to the distaff, And her hand holds the spindle. She extends her hand to the poor, Yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of snow for her household, For all her household is clothed with scarlet. She makes tapestry for herself; Her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the gates, When he sits among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them, And supplies sashes for the merchants. Strength and honor are her clothing; She shall rejoice in time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, And on her tongue is the law of kindness. She watches over the ways of her household, And does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her: "Many daughters have done well, But you excel them all."" Proverbs 31:10-29 NKJV