

Describe Your Marriage

Proverbs 5:15-21

Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well. (16) Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, and rivers of waters in the streets. (17) Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee. (18) Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth. (19) Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love. (20) And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger? (21) For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings.

- Rejoice = thankful
 - The biggest problem for most couples is that they don't know how to biblically solve problems.
 - A peaceful, happy marriage is not a marriage that has no problems (they don't exist)
 - When we add our depravity to an already volatile situation, we only compound the problem.
 - Your goal should never be to "win the argument."
 - Principles of Communication
 - Speak up
 - Speak the truth
 - Speak Lovingly
- Refreshed = satisfied

- God's Goal for Marriage - Chart by Dr. Jim Berg

		Christian Growth	Marital Growth
Easy Costs Everything	An Event	<i>Salvation</i> • Responsibilities • Initial repentance for sin • Initial faith toward God • Result • Union with Christ • Become a Child of God	<i>Marriage Covenant</i> • Responsibilities • Initial leaving - forsaking others • Initial cleaving - joined to one • Result • Union with your spouse • Become husband and wife
	A Process	<i>Sanctification</i> • Responsibilities • Continued Cleansing • Increased trust and obedience • Result • Unity with Christ • Becoming Godly • Christlikeness	<i>Marriage Companionship</i> • Responsibilities • Continued Leaving • Increased Cleaving • Result • Unity with your Spouse • Becoming one flesh • Likemindedness

- Ravished = intoxicated
 - Sex
 - The primary goal is to meet the needs and desires of your spouse
 - Need = your need is to meet your spouse's desires
- God created the physical relationship
 - for procreation
 - for pleasure
 - for protection
 - for promoting the glory of God