Marriage and Family Study  
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Review of what marriage is not and what marriage is  
Presentation of hindrances to marriage as a result of the fall  

Homework  

I. What marriage is not:  
A. Marriage is not an institution ordained or designed by man.  
B. Marriage is not a temporary agreement.  
C. Marriage is not for the sole or only purpose of procreation.  
D. Marriage is not a private matter.  
E. Marriage is not a social convenience for the pursuit of selfish desires.  
F. Marriage is not a 50%/50% proposition.  

II. What marriage is:  
A. Marriage is ordained and designed by God.  
   1. Confined to two people, one man and one woman.  
   2. Is a life-long commitment.  
   3. Requires equal yoking.  
B. Marriage is the foundational institution of society.  
C. Marriage is a reflection of Jesus and His bride, the Church.  
D. Marriage is the most intimate relationship that exists among people.  
E. Marriage is a covenant of companionship.  

III. Hindrances to marriage as a result of the fall:  
Gen. 3:1-13, 16  
A. Doubt- Has God indeed said? Vs. 1  
B. Confusion-nor shall you touch it. Vs. 3  
C. Direct attach against the knowledge of God- You will not surely die. Vs. 4  
D. Fear- I was afraid because I was naked. Vs. 10  
E. Blame shifting-  
   1. The woman you gave me. Vs. 12  
   2. The serpent. Vs.13  
F. Conflict- a usurping of God’s authority and an abuse of God’s requirement. Vs. 16
Examine your marriage or idea of marriage comparing it to what the Scriptures say with the purpose of adjusting, altering or abandoning anything that does not fit with what is honoring and glorifying to God.

Answer the following questions as honestly and completely as possible.

1. What influences do you believe our society or culture have had on your ideas of marriage that you believe God wants you to change?

2. What assumptions have you made in establishing and maintaining your marriage that you thought were Biblical but are not?

3. What has the Lord revealed to you about the foundation and or condition of your marriage?

4. Of the hindrances listed as a result of the fall of man (sin), which one(s) are currently causing ongoing conflict in your marriage?

5. What visible changes can you expect your spouse to experience as a result of any changes God want you to make?