

Part 2: Solving the Marriage Mystery

"When a girl marries, she exchanges the attentions of all other men of her acquaintance for the inattention of just one." - Helen Rowland

I. Review:

Popping the question: What does my spouse owe me?

- Relationships are a tool that God uses to make us _____.

"One of the best wedding gifts God gave you was a full-length mirror called your spouse. Had there been a card attached it would have said, 'Here is to helping you discover what you are really like.'" Gary and Betsy Ricucci

- Intimacy dies when dreams turn into _____.
- Most marriages move from a _____ to a _____.
- Christian marriages put _____ first because Jesus puts _____ first.

"Love is a heart that moves...Love moves away from the self and toward the other." Gary Thomas

II. Dealing with Dreams

A. What do I do with them?

- Don't decide that they are _____.
- Don't get too _____.

1 Peter 5:5-7

Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

B. What is the dream process?

- _____ relationships are never _____ relationships.
- The difference between a covenant and a contract is _____.
- _____ (humility) until the "due time" promises _____ in the meantime.

C. What is the answer?

- _____ is the cure for frustrated marriages.

1 Timothy 6:17

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

- If it is important to _____, it is important to the _____.

- Casting will result in a _____ or a _____.

III. Having the Dream Talk

What can I do to make our marriage richer?

- _____ : Here are some areas I have loaded you down with expectations.

- _____: Where do you feel pressure to live up to my expectations?
- _____: What's rewarded is repeated.

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Tightening the Knot

