

Women & More

Unguarded Moments

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Temptations to be *less* as a wife are numerous, and the world screams them at us. The devil is out to defrock God's plan and defraud His children, and nowhere is he more devilish than in the home. Guard your marriage—it is *holy* to the Lord.

Eve began her life as a wife. Did you ever think about that? She was never a baby, a toddler, a teen or a college student—she awoke to wife-hood. Why is that important for us to look at? Because 80% of our lives as women of God may be spent in this role!

“There is absolutely no substitute, so far as God is concerned,
for God's work done God's way!”

Ian Thomas

“*‘Believe on Me,’ says Jesus, ‘and out of you will flow rivers of living water.’*
The radiating influence from one person rightly related to God is incalculable:
He may not say much, but you feel different, the pressure has gone,
you are in contact with One who is on a different plan.”

Oswald Chambers

Prepare by Soaking in Scripture:

Psalm 56:12

Psalm 68:6

Proverbs 18:22

Jeremiah 29:11

Matthew 5:6

Scripture to Memorize:

Jeremiah 6:16 “*Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.*”

NOTES on Speaking Session:

Questions for Mentor-group Discussion:

1. As you understand it, what is God’s plan for your marriage?

Is it for life? Yes _____ No _____

2. List the three to five areas where you feel you most need to guard your own marriage.

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3. According to **Malachi 2:15**, why did God make a man and wife to be one flesh?

Because _____

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.” **Genesis 1:27**

“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.” **Genesis 2:24**

Recommended Reading:

- How to be Your Husband’s Best Friend*, Gary Smalley
- Men Are From Mars, Women Are from Venus*, John Gray, Ph.D.
- The Power of a Praying Wife*, Stormie Omartian
- What Our Mothers Didn’t Tell Us*, Danielle Crittenden
- Women of the Bible*, Ann Spangler & Jean E. Syswerda

THE "BUT I LOVE HIM"

CHECKLIST

in **1 Corinthians 13:4-8a**

"Love is patient,
love is kind.
It does not envy,
it does not boast,
it is not proud.

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5 It is not rude,
it is not self-seeking,
it is not easily angered,
it keeps no record of wrongs.

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6 Love does not delight in evil
but rejoices with the truth.

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7 It always protects,
always trusts,
always hopes,
always perseveres.

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8a Love never fails." •

BUILDING CHARACTER

ACCEPTANCE – Romans 15:7

AFFECTION – Romans 16:16

ANGER – Psalm 73:8; Proverbs 6:2

APPRECIATION – 1 Corinthians 11:2

APPROVAL – Romans 14:18

ARGUING – Philippians 2:14; Proverbs 15:1

ATTENTIVENESS – Proverbs 4:20-21

CARING – 1 Corinthians 12:25

CHEATING – Proverbs 11:1 (*Living Bible*)

CHRIST, THE CREATOR – Colossians 1:15-17

CHRIST, OUR ALL – Colossians 2:10

COMFORT – 1 Thessalonians 4:18

CONTENTMENT – 1 Timothy 6:6

CREATIVITY – Genesis 1:31; Exodus 31:3-4

DILIGENCE – Proverbs 22:29

DIRTY LANGUAGE – Colossians 3:7-8

***DISCERNMENT** – Hebrews 5:14

DISCONTENT – Philippians 4:11

DISCOURAGED – Philippians 4:4; Philippians 4:13

DIFFICULT TIMES – James 1:2-3

***ENCOURAGEMENT** – 1 Thessalonians 5:11; Hebrews 10:24

FAIRNESS – 1 Timothy 5:21b

***FAITH** – Hebrews 11:1

FAULTFINDING – 1 Peter 1:7; 1 Peter 4:12; James 3:1

FORGIVENESS – Colossians 3:13

GENEROSITY – 2 Corinthians 9:7

HONESTY – Ephesians 4:25

IDENTITY – 2 Corinthians 5:17

INITIATIVE – Proverbs 6:6-8

INSULTS – Proverbs 10:11

JOYFULNESS – Psalm 35:9

LAZINESS – Proverbs 12:24; Proverbs 13:4; Proverbs 15:19

LOVE** – John 15:12

LOYALTY – Hebrews 3:14
LYING – Proverbs 16:19

MEEKNESS – Titus 3:2
MINDING OWN BUSINESS – 1 Thessalonians 4:11

NOISY – 1 Corinthians 14:40; James 1:19

OBEDIENCE – Philippians 2:13; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Peter 1:14
ORDER – 1 Corinthians 14:40

PATIENCE** – James 5:8
POOR ATTITUDE – Ephesians 4:23-24
PREJUDICE – Colossians 3:11

RESPECT – Romans 12:10
RESPONSIBILITY – 1 Corinthians 4:2

SECURITY – Mark 9:50
SELF-CONTROL** - 1 Corinthians 9:25
SIN – Numbers 32:23; James 4:17

TATTLING – Proverbs 18:8
TENDERHEARTEDNESS – Ephesians 4:32
THANKFULNESS – 1 Thessalonians 5:18
TIME – Matthew 26:40
TOLERANCE – James 2:1

TONGUE – Psalm 141:3-4; Proverbs 10:14 (*Living Bible*); Proverbs 10:19;
Matthew 12:36; James 1:26

UNGRATEFUL – 1 Thessalonians 5:17
UNREST – Ephesians 3:14; Colossians 3:15
UNHEALTHFUL HEARTS – Romans 6:2-18; Romans 8:4-5;
1 Thessalonians 5:22-24
UNKIND – Ephesians 4:32; 1 John 4:20; 1 Peter 3:18

***WISDOM** – Proverbs 2:6; Proverbs 4:7; Proverbs 9:10
WORK – Colossians 3:23-24

***A Spiritual Gift** (4)

Fruit of the Spirit** (3)

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