**Pastor Berry Ross August 4, 2024**

**Fighting The Good Fight In Marriage Conflicts**

1 Peter 3:1-8

**Key Truth:** Marriage \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ part of life. Thankfully, the word of God gives us some \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to help navigate us in difficult times.

1. Negativity in a marriage is a major \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in conflicts.

 A. It can affect what we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about our spouse.

 B. It can influence how we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with our spouse.

 Proverbs 12:8

 C. It can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ how we respond in marriage conflicts.

2. Biblical principles for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our spouses during conflicts.

 A. It is important when a woman is led by her \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 character during conflicts.

 B. Wives should take the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to trust God in their

 marriage affairs. 1 Peter 2:21-25; 1 John 4:18

 C. Marriage can’t really \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ if we aren’t present with

 our spouse.

3. There are some things we can do to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 communicate with our spouse.

 A. Spending time to know our spouse helps to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 good communication.

 B. Pray regarding \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you may have about yourself.

 C. Pray \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ asking God to have His way in your

 marriage. James 5:16

**Taking It Beyond The Walls**: Thank God for His institution of marriage. Pray and seek the Lord for better ways to communicate that will encourage growth with your spouse

**Food For Thought For the Week of August 4th:**

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

How would you characterize a Godly marriage?

What are the biggest challenges Christians face today in honoring God through marriages and healthy relationships?

Read 1 Peter 3:1-6: How would you explain Peter’s instructions given to the wife to newlyweds who are also new to the Christian faith? How does the character of the wife impact the spiritual life of the husband?

In what ways should Peter’s instruction about not focusing purely on appearance be carried out today? What makes the inner beauty of godly character imperishable?

Read 1 Peter 3:7: What is the relationship between a husband’s understanding his wife well and honoring her? Why do you think Peter emphasized these aspects of the husband’s responsibility to his wife?

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How would you define the connection between a man’s prayer life and his treatment of his wife?