

## Happy Valentine's Day

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### The Spirit Of Marriage

- I want to discuss with you the **Holy Spirit's** role in a marriage.
  1. You must know God created marriage **perfectly** and calls marriage, "the holy institution that He loves."

### **Malachi 2:11**

Verse 11 says: They have **profaned** the Lord's holy institution.

Holy – means – set **apart** for God

First:

- God created marriage to succeed **100** percent of the time.
  2. You have a **100** percent chance of success in marriage when you do it **God's** way.

In Genesis 1, God created everything and looked at it, and said "It's good"

Except one thing – He saw man **by himself** and said that's not good – so He created **marriage**.

3. Marriage is the **first** institution God created and it is the **foundational** institution of society.

Before God created anything else, God created marriage as the **foundation** of society.

Here is the world history in a nutshell:

4. As goes **marriage**, as goes **society**.

- The first thing the Devil does to destroy any society is to destroy **marriage** in that society.

Here is the good news: when God is going to rebuild a society, He does it two ways:

- Number 1 – the **gospel** of Jesus Christ
- Number 2 – God **rebuilds** the marriage

5. The number one thing that people need is **Jesus**, and the number two thing people need is **family**.

Here is the second thing setting my message up:

- Marriage works based on God's **plan** and or His **Word**.
  - In 1930, **83** percent of adult Americans were married.
  - Today, **49.7** percent of adult Americans are married.

Question: What is the difference between 1930 and today?

- People **believed** the Bible in 1930.
- Society based their **values** on the Bible.

6. To the degree that we have **rejected** the Word of God, marriage does not work in our society.

- \* I submit to you Church, we need to go back to the Word of God and make it the **foundation** of our lives and our marriage.

Here is marriage Biblical mathematics:

Two plus one = **one**

7. Two people who **invite** the Holy Spirit in their marriage become **one**.
8. Because the Holy Spirit **binds** us together into the **deepest** intimacy possible in a marriage.

Here is the other part of Biblical marriage mathematics:

Two minus one = **two**

9. Two people who **reject** the Holy Spirit in their lives remain **divided**.

- You cannot enjoy this intimacy and joy in your marriage until you **invite** the Holy Spirit in your marriage.

God through the Holy Spirit fills us and meets our deepest needs that is **impossible** for your spouse to fill.

Remember the story of the woman at the well who had five husbands:

- Jesus said to the woman – if you keep drinking from that well, you will always be **thirsty**.
- But, if you knew the gift of God was talking to you, you would ask of Him and **never** thirst again.

10. Jesus was saying, you are trying to get your soul thirst met from a **man**.

11. Your deepest needs cannot be met by a **human being**.

Here are the four basic needs:

- **Acceptance**
- **Identity**
- **Purity**
- **Purpose**

12. Many people are not acknowledging only God can meet our four basic needs, so they naturally transfer the **responsibility** to their spouse or another human being setting themselves up for **failure**.

In your relationships, stop demanding out of each other only **Jesus** can fulfill.

If you would just ask Me, I would meet the need of your **soul thirst** and you will never need to drink out of your well again.

13. We are designed to love God **first** and out of the **overflow** of God's love, we then love **each other**.

The third thing:

- The Holy Spirit allows us to love **beyond** our human capacity.

### **1 John 4:16**

14. Love isn't something, it is **someone**; God is **love**.

15. God's love is a love that **never leaves**.

### **Hebrews 13:5b**

<sup>5</sup> ... "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

From day 1 – He says, I'm **all** in.

## Galatians 5:22-23

The love I am talking about comes from **God** and or from **outside** of us (we don't have **love**)

We don't have the capacity to love apart from **God**.

Remember in the Garden of Eden:

- God told Adam not to partake of the Tree of life and the day you do, you will **die**.
- The Bible tells us when God created Adam, He breathed into his nostrils the **breath** of life.
- That was not oxygen, that was the **Holy Spirit**.

Why do I know that?

Answer: Because when Adam and Eve partook of the Tree of life, they still had oxygen in their lungs, but the Holy Spirit **departed** from them.

They died **spiritually** the day they ate of the tree.

That was Genesis 3 – in Genesis 6, says, the entire world was **immoral** and **corrupt**.

That's what happens when we don't have the Holy Spirit in our **lives** and in our **marriage**.