

## Happy Valentine's Day

### The Spirit Of Marriage (Part 2)

#### Malachi 2:11

Holy – that it is **set apart** for God.

Marriage / relationships is **holy** and God loves it.

We learned:

- God created marriage to succeed **100** percent of the time / when you do it **God's** way

The second thing we learned:

- Marriage works based on **God's** plan and or His **Word**.
  - You must believe scripture and the Bible's **values** to succeed.

Remember the four basic needs. Only **God** can give you these things and fulfill you.

- **Acceptance**
- **Identity**
- **Purity**
- **Purpose**
- The Holy Spirit allows us to love **beyond** our human capacity.

Real God-kind of love isn't something, it is **Someone** (God is **love**)

1. Without the Holy Spirit, we simply cannot function and from the very beginning, when He created Adam and when He made Eve, He made marriage to be **Spirit-filled**.
  - God never made marriage to be dependent upon our **abilities**.
- I. There are seven specific benefits **freely available** from the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said:

### **John 16:7a**

<sup>7</sup>Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away...

Jesus Christ – the Son of God says, it will be **better** for you if I leave.

### **John 16:7b**

<sup>7</sup>... for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

Helper – paraklete – means someone called **next** to us to **help** us

### **John 14:16-17**

2. My goal is you and in your marriage, that you have a totally **dependent** relationship with Him.
3. The Holy Spirit was there at the very beginning to **empower** the original couple to fulfill God's mission for them and give them all they needed to love each other.

They **rebelled** and the Holy Spirit departed and it was a **disaster**.

The good news – Jesus died on the cross and paid for our sins and paved the way for a **deep** relationship with God. Because that took place, now we can have the **Holy Spirit** back in our lives.

Here are the 7 things:

A. **Unity**

**Ephesians 4:1-3**

4. Human unity is a unity of the **head**, Holy Spirit unity is the unity of the **heart**.
5. When you are walking in spiritual unity, you can have unity even when you **disagree**.
  - \* If you're having problems in your marriage, pray Holy Spirit make us **one**.
    - Marriage is not a piece of **paper**.
    - Marriage is a **covenant**.
6. Marriage is an act of the Holy Spirit of God that **bonds** us together spirit to spirit.

B. The Holy Spirit makes available personal **nurturing** and **comfort**.

**John 14:15-18**

- So the Holy Spirit is our **Helper** and **Comforter**

## Genesis 1:27

It says, God created man in His own image male and female.

Here is my question: Are women made in the image of God?

Answer: **Yes**, they are

7. So the conclusion is there is a **maternal** side of God.

- Did you know women and the Holy Spirit are given the **same** name in the Bible?

It's the word, **helper** – ezer

## Genesis 2:18

Ezer means 2 things

- Power to **accomplish** a task
- To supply what is **lacking**

8. Ladies and gentlemen, you must realize you can't do what God called you to do until you realize how **important** each of you are in your marriage and it's the **Holy Spirit** that puts you together.

- You were intended to be with the Holy Spirit from the beginning – but because of sin, you were **separated**.

The Holy Spirit is there to empower you with everything that is **lacking** in your life.

Now – I am not saying the Holy Spirit is a **woman** – the Bible doesn't say that either.

- \* We have a perfect Father, perfect Lord; we need a perfect **Mother** too

9. You have hurt, fear wants to climb all over you and you have the Holy Spirit that is **love**; He is **help** and He is **comfort**.

The Holy Spirit is who you take your **hurts** and **needs** to.

Jesus said, I will not leave you **alone**, He, the Holy Spirit will be there to **love** on you

This is important: If you don't get that love from the Holy Spirit, you will naturally transfer that to your **spouse** (they **cannot** fulfill that need – even though they love you).

### C. **Spiritual grace**

#### **Acts 1:8**

This means:

- The power to **know** God
- The power to **serve** God
- Did you know when you read the Bible, the **Author** is in you to teach you?

### D. **Emotional grace**

#### **Galatians 5:22-23**

10. The fruit of the Spirit is the **personality** of Jesus.

- \* Godliness under pressure happens when you're **close** to the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit is the **oil** for the engine of our emotions to run on.

11. To be the husband I need to be, I need the **Holy Spirit**.

E. **Physical grace**

**Romans 8:11**

Here is this verse paraphrased:

- If the Holy Spirit can raise Jesus from the dead, do you think your physical problems are a **challenge** to Him?

The Holy Spirit loves the words, "I **need** you"

F. **Mental grace**

**John 16:12-15**

There is nothing the Holy Spirit can't teach you especially **how** to love your spouse.

12. The Holy Spirit understands every **aspect** of life and will lead you into all **truth**.

This world is telling you **ugly** stuff – the Holy Spirit will **correct** your confusion – ask Him.

G. **Vision** and supernatural **guidance**

**John 16:13**

- He will tell you of the **future**

**Acts 2:17-18**