

The Marriage Relationship Must be a Priority

Too often today people do not make their marriage a priority in their daily lives. They race through life *doing*; pursuing a career, raising children, working toward an education, chasing after their *dreams*. They forget that they committed to cherish and care for their spouse throughout life and often merely exist together rather than building their relationship together. Many couples today work at everything but their marriage and then wonder what happened, when it comes apart and one spouse wants out of the marriage. One writer states that the divorce rate is much higher than the unemployment rate, yet most people are more concerned about retaining their job than keeping their marriage intact. No one is exempt and complacency imperils many marriages.

We must continue working on our marriage and concerning ourselves with the needs of our spouses. Making our marriage a priority means that we will seek to build and strengthen our marriage relationship on a regular basis; that we will not *neglect* our spouse for job, children, family, friends or our pursuits. Sure, there will be times where we will necessarily spend extra time at work or handling situations with family or others. We may even take some relaxing time out with the “guys” or the “girls,” but that time will not be so long that we neglect the most important person on earth – our spouse.

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