

# SERIES: TO SEEK & TO SAVE THE FAMILY

## "Treasuring Marital Fidelity" (Matthew 19:1-6)

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### I. THE PROVISION OF THE MARRIED LIFE (MATTHEW 19:4-6)

- A. THE PLAN OF MARRIAGE (MATTHEW 19:4)
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- D. THE PRODUCT OF MARRIAGE (MATTHEW 19:6)

*Psalm 84:11, "For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."*

*Proverbs 18:32, "Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD."*

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### II. THE POLUTION OF THE MARRIED LIFE (MATTHEW 19:7-9)

#### A. ADULTERY IS A SIN AGAINST ONE'S SELF

*I Corinthians 6:18, "Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body."*

- B. ADULTERY IS A SIN AGAINST THE HOME
- C. ADULTERY IS A SIN AGAINST THE CHURCH

*I Corinthians 3:16, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."*

#### D. ADULTERY IS A SIN AGAINST THE NATION

*Proverbs 14:34, "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."*

#### E. ADULTERY IS A SIN AGAINST ALMIGHTY GOD

*Psalm 51:4, "Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight:"*

*Hebrews 13:4, "Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge."*

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### III. THE PRESERVATION OF THE MARRIED LIFE.

#### A. DECISION

*Joshua 24:15, ". . . choose you this day whom ye will serve. . ."*

#### B. DEPENDENCE

*I Corinthians 10:13, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."*

#### C. DEVOTION

*Deuteronomy 6:5, "And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might."*

*Ephesians 5:8-9, "So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:"*

#### D. DEVELOPMENT

#### E. DISCIPLINE

*"He who would not fall down, must not walk in slippery places." – Chinese Proverb*

*James 1:8, "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways."*

#### F. DETERMINATION

*Job 31:1, "I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?"*

*Psalm 57:7, "My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed:"*

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