

Series: Great Expectations

Partners and Parents

Sunday Jan. 10 2016

1. What does God invite us to in our marriages?

a. Healthy Sexual Lives.

2. *The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. The wife's body does not belong to her alone but also to her husband. In the same way, the husband's body does not belong to him alone but also to his wife. Do not deprive each other except by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control* (1 Cor. 7:3-5).

3. What does God invite us to in our marriages?

b. Mutual Submission

4. *Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord... Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church...* (Eph. 5:21, 22, 25).

5. What does God invite us to in our parenting?

a. Make disciples of children

6. *Train a child in the way he should go...* (Prov. 22:6).

7. *These commandments that I give to you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up* (Deut. 6:6-7).

8. *In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech* (Titus 2:7-8).

9. What does God invite us to in our parenting?

b. Don't exasperate children.

10. *...do not exasperate your children...* (Eph. 6:4) and its echo in Col. 3:21: *...do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.*

Study Notes

DISCUSSION

1. Share a Christmas highlight.

2. Any new year's resolutions?

INTO THE BIBLE

3. Read Gen. 2: 24-25. These are the verses that institute marriage. What are the key pieces in understanding God's intent for marriage?

4. Jesus quotes Gen. 2:24-25 in Luke 19. Read Lk. 19: 3-9. What does Jesus say about divorce? How do you interpret his comments?

5. Pastor Rob referenced Prov. 22:6a but he didn't make mention of 22:6b: *...and when he is old he will not turn from it.* Is this a guarantee? How then do we explain some children who DO turn from it (even in their older age)? How does this seeming promise relate to the training we might do as parents?

6. How do we exasperate our children?

APPLICATION

7. Share a tip or insight that has really helped your marriage.

8. Share a tip or insight that has positively impacted your parenting.