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# Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 NCV

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<sup>10</sup> If one falls down, the other can help him up. But it is bad for the person who is alone and falls, because no one is there to help.

<sup>11</sup> If two lie down together, they will be warm, but a person alone will not be warm.

<sup>12</sup> An enemy might defeat one person, but two people together can defend themselves; a rope that is woven of three strings is hard to break.

# Choices of Life

➤ Life is short.

***Psalms 90:10 NKJV, “<sup>10</sup> Our lifetime is seventy years or, if we are strong, eighty years. But the years are full of hard work and pain. They pass quickly, and then we are gone.”***

Life is based upon making the right choices.

Marriage is a choice.

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# Facing Your Fears

**☐ Fear is birthed out of faults and mistakes.**

***Romans 3:23 NCV, “<sup>23</sup> Everyone has sinned and fallen short of God’s glorious standard,”***

**☐ Fear of Commitment is the unwillingness to dedicate to something for a long period of time.**

**☐ Marriage is a willing dedication to another for life.**

# Facing Your Fears (Page 2)

- ✓ **Marriage is Christ-like;**
- ✓ **Marriage is GODLY;**
- ✓ **Marriage is Holy;**
- ✓ **Marriage is Joyous;**
- ✓ **Marriage is Loving;**
- ✓ **Marriage is Righteous;**
- ✓ **Marriage is Sacred.**

**(Let's Do It – Make A Total Commitment)**

# Facing Your Fears (Page 3)

- **Indicators of a battle of the fear of commitment**
  - Wanting to casually date.**
  - Avoid serious relationships.**
  - End relationships when they move past the “friend” stage.**
  - Never plan or think about the future of the relationship.**
  - Constantly doubting or questioning the relationship.**

# Facing Your Fears (Page 4)

- **Indicators of a battle of the fear of commitment (cont.)**
  - Procrastination is relationship decisions until the last minute.**
  - Being emotionally detached.**
  - Feeling uneasy or “trapped” with relationship investments.**
  - Hard time opening up or sharing deep feels/thoughts.**
  - Talks of the future that does not include the relationship.**

# Facing Your Fears (Page 5)

***Isaiah 35:4 NCV, “<sup>4</sup> Say to people who are frightened, ‘Be strong. Don’t be afraid. Look, your GOD will come, and HE will punish your enemies. HE will make them pay for the wrongs they did, but HE will save you.’”***

➤ **GOD requires our total trust in HIM for us to commit to marriage.**

***Psalms 34:4 NCV, “<sup>4</sup> I asked the LORD for help, and HE answered me. HE saved me from all that I feared.”***



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# Facing Your Fears (cont.)

***Psalms 34:4 NCV, “<sup>4</sup> I asked the LORD for help, and HE answered me. HE saved me from all that I feared.***

**Let's Do It, Let's Totally Commit!**

- **Fears are fueled by outside influences.**
  - People whom are closest to us influence us.**
  - Everyone needs a “sounding board**

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# Outside Influences

***1 Corinthians 15:33 NCV, “<sup>33</sup> Do not be fooled: “Bad friends will ruin good habits.”***

***Proverbs 19:20-21 NKJV, “<sup>20</sup> Listen to counsel and receive instruction, that you may be wise in your latter days. 21 There are many plans in a man’s heart, Nevertheless the LORD’s counsel—that will stand.”***

# Outside Influences (Page 2)

➤ ***Outside influences will destroy GODLY marriages and Christian relationships.***

***Genesis 3:1-3 NKJV, “<sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD GOD had made. And he said to the woman, ‘Has GOD indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden’?” <sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; <sup>3</sup> but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, GOD has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’”***

# Outside Influences (Page 3)

➤ ***Outside influences will destroy GODLY marriages and Christian relationships. (continued)***

***Genesis 3:4-6 NKJV*** “<sup>4</sup> Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup> For GOD knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like GOD, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.”

# Outside Influences (Page 4)

**Genesis 12:1-2 NKJV**, “<sup>1</sup> Now the LORD had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house, to a land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing.”

- **GOD will remove you from negative influences in order to bless you.**
- **GOD wants total, marital commitment.**

# Point 1 — Get More Accomplished

- **vs.9b** “<sup>9</sup> Two people are better than one, because they get more done by working together.”
  - ❑ **GOD never intended for you to live life alone.**
  - ❑ **Accomplish** — to bring about a result by effort; bring to completion; Fulfill; to succeed in reaching a stage in progress; to perfect; to achieve; to follow through with; to pull through.
  - ❑ **GOD wants you to accomplish HIS purpose for marriage.**
- ***Proverbs 27:17 NCV, “<sup>17</sup> As iron sharpens iron, so people can improve each other.”***

# Point 1— Get More Accomplished (Page 2)

- ***Romans 15:5-6 NKJV, “<sup>5</sup> Now may the GOD of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the GOD and FATHER of Our Lord Jesus Christ.”***
- ❑ **Accomplishments in marriage are accomplishments in GOD.**

# Point 2— Have Needed Help

- **vs.10b** “<sup>10</sup> If one falls down, the other can help him up. But it is bad for the person who is alone and falls, because no one is there to help.”
- Total commitment to GOD is a total commitment to helping our spouse.**
- Help** — to give assistance or support; to make more pleasant or bearable; to improve; to relieve; to rescue; to be of use; to benefit; to further the advancement; to promote; to change for the better.
- Marriage is intended to advance, assist, promote and support our spouse.**



## Point 2— Have Needed Help (Page 2)

- ***Ephesians 4:16 NCV, “<sup>16</sup> The whole body depends on Christ, and all the parts of the body are joined and held together. Each part does its own work to make the whole body grow and be strong with love.”***
  - ❑ **Our total commitment to marriage is our work in helping our family body to grow and be strong in love.**
- ***Hebrews 10:24 NCV, “<sup>24</sup> Let us think about each other and help each other to show love and do good deeds.”***
  - ❑ **GOD wants you helped, and to be a help.**

# Point 3— Be Victorious

- **vs.12b** “<sup>12</sup> An enemy might defeat one person, but two people together can defend themselves; a rope that is woven of three strings is hard to break.”
  - ❑ **GODLY marriage will defeat and destroy all ungodliness.**
  - ❑ **Victorious** — to overcome an enemy or antagonist; achievement or success in a struggle, or an endeavor against odds or difficulties; to triumph, to win.
- ***Deuteronomy 20:4 NKJV, “<sup>4</sup> for the Lord your GOD is HE who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.”***

# Point 3— Be Victorious (Page 2)

❑ **Marriage is intended to help you to win in life.**

➤ ***Proverbs 18:22 NKJV, “<sup>22</sup> He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the LORD.”***



# Point 4— Be Unbreakable

- **vs.12c** “<sup>12</sup> An enemy might defeat one person, but two people together can defend themselves; a rope that is woven of three strings is hard to break.”
  - ❑ **Marriage that is woven together with GOD is an unbreakable relationship.**
  - ❑ **Unbreakable** — not able to be broken or not easily broken; enduring, permanent, imperishable, incorruptible, sturdy or strong
- ***Psalms 73:26 NKJV, “<sup>26</sup> My flesh and my heart fail; but GOD is the strength of my heart and my portion forever”***

# Point 4— Be Unbreakable (Page 2)

- ❑ **GOD makes us stronger through our total commitment to marriage.**
- *Isaiah 40:29 NCV, “<sup>29</sup> HE [GOD] gives strength to those who are tired and more power to those who are weak.”*
- **Let's Do It!**
- **Let's Make a Total Commitment to GOD, to Marriage, to GODLY Marriage!**
- **Let's Make a Total Commitment to Life Together with GOD's Favor!**



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