



CELEBRATING MARRIAGE AND FAMILY "Some Things Never Change" Mark 10:1-9

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Given all the ink that has been spilled on the subject of marriage, it is remarkable that no less an authority than Jesus summarized the basic principles of the married life in two or three sentences! Everyone should be familiar with what He said and seek to apply it.

I. Marriage – a principle ordained by God, not a human idea subject to revision.

A. *"From the beginning of creation God created...."* What that means:

1. Contemporary "alternative lifestyles" contradict divine principles.
2. Healthy marriages should be based on obedience to God's Word.

B. How we tried to apply this: _____

II. Sexuality – is a God given treasure, not a toy or a marketing tool.

A. *"God created male and female..."* What that means:

1. God had clear differentiation in mind to enrich the lives of all.
2. Differences are intended to promote appreciation not irritation.

B. How we tried to apply this: _____

III. Decisiveness – is required to make sound decisions, not sentimental feelings.

A. *"A man will leave his father and mother...."* What this means:

1. The transition from the single life to the married life is monumental.
2. The ramifications will impact every dimension of life.

B. How we tried to apply this: _____

IV. Commitment – is about trust and trustworthiness, faith and faithfulness.

A. *"A man...will be united to his wife...become one flesh."* What this means:

1. The Greek means "glued" that is "sticking together."
2. A.B.C. – it's all about "Adjustments Based on Commitments."

B. How we tried to apply this: _____

V. Togetherness – what God created, we discover and enjoy.

A. *"Two will become one...let man not separate."* What this means:

1. A wedding takes a few minutes and God makes "two one."
2. A marriage takes a lifetime to discover the wonder of what He did!