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1 Corinthians 7:3 The husband should perform his martial duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband.

THE SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE

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Heavenly Father, Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, we thank You, Praise You and bless You Lord, for Your Divine Presence. Lord may we draw near to Your Divine Word, and joyfully do You Will. Father, please help us stay strong when we feel weak and hopeless. Lord, please give us Your Strength and Wisdom, to overcome the darkness of this sinful world. Father, please teach us how to better serve You Lord in everything we do. Father, I ask this prayer in the name of our Shepherd and Savior, Christ JesusAmen!

This month, the Holy Spirit has inspired me to talk about the sanctity of marriage. Why the sanctity of marriage? Because marriage between a man and a woman, has been reinvented by man from God's original purpose. Marriage throughout the Old and the New Testament has always been designed by God, not man! The trouble is, marriage has been portrayed by our society with stories of sexual escapades, secret rendezvous, and extra marital affairs. Today's media teach that immorality means freedom, perversion is natural, and commitment is old fashion. Sex, created by God and pronounced good in Eden, has been twisted, exploited, and has turned into an urgent, illicit, casual, and self gratifying activity. Love has turned into lust, giving into getting, and lasting commitment into "no strings attached! In reality, sexual intercourse, the physical and emotional union of male and female, should be a holy means of celebrating love, producing children, and experiencing pleasure, protected by the commitment of marriage. God thinks sex is important, and scripture contains numerous guidelines for its use and warnings about its misuse. And sex is always mentioned in the context of a loving relationship between husband and wife. The power of love requires more than the language of feeling to protect it. Sexual expression is such an integral part of our selfhood, that we need the boundary of marriage to safeguard our love. Marriage is a celebration of a daily commitment between a husband and a wife.

Because love is such a powerful expression of feeling and commitment between a man and women, it is not to be regarded casually. According to God, we are not to manipulate others into loving us, and love should not be prematurely encouraged in a relationship.

While romance keeps a marriage interesting, commitment keeps romance from dwindling away. Our love for someone makes him or her appear beautiful to us. As you consider marriage, don't just look at the physical attractiveness in a person. Try and look first at the inner qualities that don't fade with time--spiritual commitment, integrity, sensitivity, and sincerity. The decision to commit yourself to your spouse alone begins at the marriage altar between a man, a women, and God! There are no exceptions to God's Will. However, the Gay society would like you to believe, that same sex marriage is okay! It is amazing to say the least, how the devil always manages to deceive God's people. Satan has the Gay community believing that sex and marriage is okay between a man and a man, or, a women and a women. Believe you me, if God had originally intended for a man or a women to have the same partners, He would have created Adam and Steve and not Adam and Eve! The Bible clearly states that there is a reason for this sick moral behavior. God also speaks in the Bible about His punishment and wrath that will come upon all who defiantly disregard His Will!!!

It is written in **Romans 1:18-28**: **18** The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness, 19 since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. 20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities-His eternal power and Divine nature have been clearly seen, being understood for what has been made, so that men are without excuse. 21 For although they knew God, they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. 24 Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their heart to sexual impurity for the degrading their bodies with one another. 25 They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen. 26 Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lust. Even their woman exchanged natural relationships for unnatural ones. 27 In the same way men also abandoned natural relations with woman and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their

perversion. 28 Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, He gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done.

Please try and remember, that God loves gay people the same way He loves all His people! The only thing that He really hates is sin. Sin in reality, is direct defiance against the Will of God. God's Will, is clearly written in the Bible for all of God's people to read. There will be no excuses that can help us in the end! God's wrath and eternal destruction will come upon all who hate God and are defiant and disrespectful to His Will!!!!

In closing, here are some final thoughts to help you further understand the Sanctity of Marriage. Please note that inevitably with the passing of time and the growth of familiarity, a marriage will tend to lose its initial sparkle.

Glances and touches no longer produce the same emotional response.

Conflicts and pressures may creep in, causing you to lose your tenderness towards your spouse. The world is not a haven for lovers: in fact, external stress often works against a marriage relationship. But spouses can learn to be havens for each other. If intimacy and passion decline, remember they can be renewed and regenerated. Take time to remember those first thrills, the excitement of sex, your spouse's strengths, and the commitment you made. When you focus on the positives, reconciliation and renewal can be achievable and believable, with God's Help. Also, except the love of your spouse as God's gift, and strive to make your love a reflection of God's perfect love. Furthermore, the faithfulness of our marital love should also reflect God's perfect faithfulness to us.....Amen!

So my brothers and sisters in the Lord Christ Jesus, may we all try and remember the importance of the Sanctity of Marriage. It's not only important to retain our moral status because it's right, but because it is God's Will for all of us to live as one!

PROVERBIAL WISDOM FOR MAY 2012

Proverbs 17:14 Starting a quarrel is like breaching a dam; so drop the matter before a dispute breaks out.

Proverbs 18:2 A fool finds no pleasure in understanding but delights in airing his own opinions.

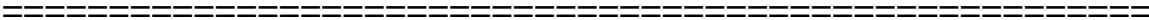
Proverbs 15:3 The eyes of the Lord are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good.



JESUS CALLING For May 2012 By Sarah Young

LISTEN TO ME CONTINUALLY, I have much to communicate to you, so many people and situations in need of prayer. I am training you to set your mind on Me more and more, tuning out distractions through the help of My Spirit.

Walk with Me in holy trust, responding to My initiatives rather than trying to make things fit into your plans. I died to set you free, and that includes freedom from compulsive planning. When your mind spins with a multitude of thoughts, you cannot hear My Voice. A mind preoccupied with planning pays homage to the idol of control. Turn from this idolatry back to Me. Listen to Me and live abundantly!



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