

Wisdom in the Home: Marriage

Proverbs 24:3-4 & others

Introduction:



GREAT MARRIAGES DON'T JUST HAPPEN—THEY'RE BUILT!

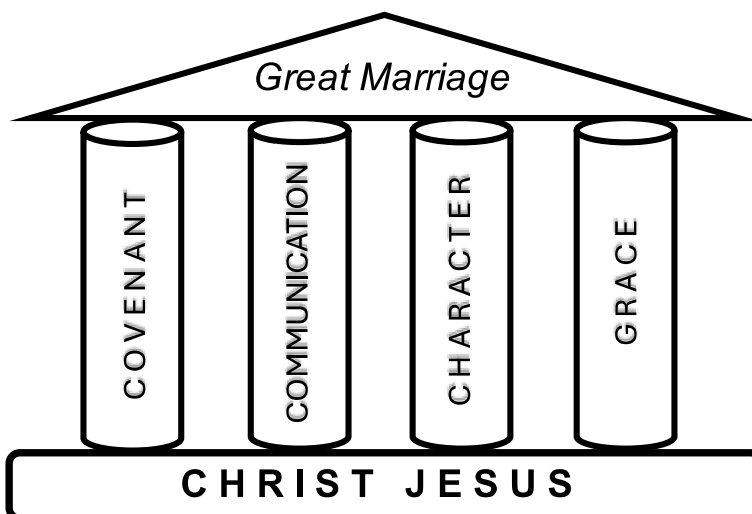
Foundation: **Christ Jesus** – *Follow Him* _____. [Prov 1:7; 3:5-6; 9:10]
(cf. Prov 16:3; 19:21; Ps 127:1; Joshua 24:15; Matt 6:33; Eph 5:21-33)

Pillar 1: **Covenant** – _____ your vows. [Prov 2:16-17; 5:15-19]
(cf. Prov 3:3; 5-7; 17:17; 18:22; 20:6; 27:8; Gen 2:24; Ecc 5:4; Mal 2:14; Matt 19:6; Mark 10:9)

Pillar 2: **Communication** – _____ to understand. [Prov 24:3; 18:13, 21]
(cf. Prov 12:18; 15:1, 28; 17:27-28; 20:5; 26:18-19 James 1:19)

Pillar 3: **Character** – *Focus on* _____. [Prov 4:23; 16:32; 20:7]
(cf. Prov 10:9; 11:3; 12:22; 14:1, 29; Rom 12:2; Gal 5:22-23; Col 3:12-14; 2 Peter 1:5-7)

Pillar 4: **Grace** – *Choose to* _____. [Prov 10:12; 17:9, 14; 19:11]
(cf. Prov 12:16; 15:1; 16:6; 20:22; Col 3:12-13; Eph 4:31-32; Col 3:12-13; 1 Peter 4:8)



Group Discussion Questions

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Big Idea: **Great Marriages Don't Just Happen—They're Built!**

1. Think of a couple whose marriage you admire. What qualities do you see in their relationship that make their marriage strong and enduring?
2. The Foundation – Christ: Follow Him Together. Read Proverbs 3:5-6 and Psalm 127:1. What is the difference between building a marriage on Christ and building it on things like romantic feelings, personal happiness, compatibility, or shared interests? What does pursuing Christ together practically look like?
3. Pillar 1 – Covenant: Honor Your Vows. Read Proverbs 2:16-17 and Malachi 2:14. How does understanding marriage as a covenant rather than a contract change the way a husband and wife approach difficulties, disappointments, and disagreements?
4. Pillar 2 – Communication: Listen to Understand. Read Proverbs 18:13 and James 1:19. What is the difference between listening to understand someone and listening simply to respond? Why is genuine listening so important to a healthy marriage?
5. Pillar 3 – Character: Focus on Yourself. Read Proverbs 4:23 and 16:32. Why is it often easier to recognize our spouse's faults than our own? How might a marriage change if both spouses focused more on allowing God to change themselves rather than trying to change each other?
6. Pillar 4 – Grace: Choose to Forgive. Read Proverbs 19:11; 17:9 and Colossians 3:13. The sermon distinguished between overlooking little things, forgiving hurtful things, and working through difficult things. Why is it important to understand these distinctions? How does remembering Christ's forgiveness help us extend grace to others?
7. Great Marriages Don't Just Happen – They're Built! Off the foundation and four pillars discussed in the sermon (Christ, Covenant, Communication, Character, and Grace), which one needs the most attention in your marriage or closest relationships right now? What is one specific step you can take this week to begin strengthening that area?

PRAYER: Ask God to help each person build relationships on Christ, remain faithful to their commitments, listen with understanding, grow in godly character, and extend the same grace and forgiveness they have received through Jesus Christ.

