

STUDENT HANDOUT — Seminar 1, Session 1

SCRIPTURE: Phil. 2:1-5; Eph. 5:25

The Barna Research Group took a poll of 1,013 adults and found the following results to the question, “Which aspects of life are very important to Americans?”

FAMILY -----
96%

HEALTH -----
90%

YOUR TIME -----78%

YOUR FRIENDS ----- 76%

RELIGION ----- 69%

THE BIBLE ----- 67 %

YOUR FREE TIME ----- 64%

LIVING COMFORTABLY ----- 60 %

YOUR CAREER ----- 54%

COMMUNITY ----- 52%

MONEY ----- 40%

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS -----34%

Paul tells us two very important things from these two passages of Scripture.

1. First, we should consistently put our _____.

a. How should a husband put a wife first?

1) Be on _____.

2) Be _____ in her needs.

3) Seek to _____ her.

4) Regularly show good emotional _____.

5) Seek to be _____.

b. How should a wife put her husband first?

1) _____ him.

2) _____ for him.

3) _____ for him.

2. Jesus gives us the example of how our relationship in our marriage should be:

Jesus had an attitude that was _____ and _____.

TO HAVE A MARRIAGE THAT REALLY LASTS, YOU MUST HAVE: (STEP 1)

I. A Strong _____ To Making Your Marriage Work.

A. Of the marriages that really last, it is known that there is an unusually high _____ to really make it work.

B. What Causes Such Little Commitment In Our Day?

1. _____ opinion is causing a breakdown.

2. _____ theology.

3. _____ results.

4. Too much Christian _____.

C. What Can Be Done To Increase Commitment?

1. Your _____ are not beyond a _____.

2. _____ through your problems even though it is harder sometimes than walking out.

3. _____ our rights.

4. Realize that my ultimate goal in life is not to be happy, but to _____ God.

D. How Can I Know If I Have The Strong Commitment That Will Make My Marriage Work?

1. Our talk will include _____.
2. We will never talk about _____ or getting a _____.
3. We make plans and take time to get away, alone, to make those serious _____.
4. We keep _____ in all areas.

CONCLUSION

Since this step is absolutely foundational, we need to stop right here and pray a prayer of commitment to God and then to our companion.

Allow your companion to hear these words often.