

MARRIAGE INSURANCE

Genesis 26:8-9

Today we will consider several guidelines you can follow to insure your marriage.

I. BE ROMANTIC

A. PLAY TOGETHER - Genesis 26:8-9

1. Isaac's Actions (8)
 - Playing around, enjoying each other, or flirting
2. Abimelech's Observation (9)
 - She is obviously your wife!

B. GET AWAY TOGETHER - Song of Solomon 7:11-13

1. Her suggestion: Note she is the one who invites him to get away
2. Their situation: A summer cabin get-away!
 - Don't ever stop dating and doing special things together.

II. BE INTIMATE

A. REJOICE WITH YOUR WIFE - Proverbs 5:15-19

1. Be Exclusive (15-17)
 - Drink from your own well!
2. Be Joyous (18)
 - Literally: Get pleasure from the wife of your youth
3. Be Satisfied (19a)
 - Be drenched, soaked, saturated ...
4. Be Intoxicated (19b)
 - Overcome by her love

B. SHARE WITH YOUR SPOUSE - I Corinthians 7:1-5

1. Find a special one (2)
 - One purpose for marriage is protection against immorality
2. Yield to each other (3-4)
 - This is giving and not taking
3. Do not deprive (literally: rob or steal from) one another (5)
 - No bargaining or withholding

III. BE DISCIPLINED

A. COMMIT TO PURITY - I Thess. 4:3-8

1. God's Will (3)
 - Abstain from immorality
2. Your Responsibilities (4-6)
 - a. Control your body (4-5)
 - b. Set Limits (6)
3. God's Goal (7-8)
 - Holiness and spiritual sensitivity

B. COMMIT TO CAREFULNESS - Psalm 101:3

1. Nothing wicked before your eyes, nothing sinful clinging to you.
2. No lustful look - Mt. 5:28
3. No playing with fire - Prov. 6:26-29

C. COMMIT TO FAITHFULNESS - Mark 10:7-9

1. You made vows to this person and God expects you to keep them.
 - No divorce (Mark 10:2-9)
2. Be a one-woman (and only one forever) type of man - I Tim. 3:2,12
3. Examples of faithfulness
 - a. Abigail was committed to a cruel husband, Nabal - I Samuel 25:2-3
 - b. Hosea was committed to his adulterous wife, Gomer - Hosea 3:1-3
 - c. Eunice was committed to her unsaved Greek husband - Acts 16:1 with II Tim. 1:5

CONCLUSION:

What does it take to keep your marriage insured?

- You have to follow the principles
- You have to pay the premiums (and not just monthly or quarterly ... daily!)
- You have to do these things and not just know them

How are you doing?

- Is your marriage in good hands?
- Is your marriage in God's hands?
- Is your marriage insured?