

Untransformed mind

4. In the area of marriage - Philip Yancey

"In America a consumer mentality tends to infiltrate relationships as well as commerce. Some people treat marriage partners like automobiles; every few years it's time to upgrade to a new model" -

Marriage - a committed lifetime relationship is just not understood, nor believed in the western world today

To have a transformed mind we must see God's view of a healthy marriage

① Leave your parents - cleave to one another & you become one flesh - complete one another

② God created marriage and it is reflected in the foundational structure of the church i.e. In (Eph. 4-14) Paul shows that God plans to work within the structure of the church to redeem the world - To love, to save, to mature, to discipline, to teach → on & on

In (Eph. 5) Paul defines marriage & the role of each member: the male & female. But even in this context Paul ^{bases} found the marriage on the understanding of our relationships in the

① BOC - "submitting to one another in love",

② submitting to Christ as the head is cf to our submitting to our husbands. The husband is to love

③ his wife as Christ loves us - unconditionally sacrificially with an unlimited amount of love - never withdrawn, never conditional

Relationships

Philip Yancey - Prayer

"In America a consumer mentality tends to infiltrate relationships as well as commerce. Some people treat marriage partners like commodities, every few years it's time to upgrade to a new model."

Relationship - a committed life-time relationship is just that. Unbreakable. Now believed in the western world today.

It's not a transformed mind we seek. We seek a healthy marriage. Release to our parents - Release to our parents.

1. Paul defines marriage and it is reflected in the formal structure of the church. Paul shows that God plans to work within the structure of the church to transform the world - to love, to nurture, to discipline, to teach.

2. Paul defines marriage + the role of each member: the male + female. But even in this context Paul favors the marriage or the understanding of our relationships in the world - "submitting to one another in love."

3. Submitting to Christ as the head is not an act of submission to our husbands. The husband is to love his wife as Christ loves us unconditionally.

4. Submitting to our husbands - The husband is to love his wife as Christ loves us unconditionally. Sacrificially with an undivided commitment. Never selfish.

10 That's why it is so important ^{before marriage} you understand and experience Body Life in the church - it is the basic structure through which God is working. Stated another way: the health & understanding of ^{your} marriage is dependent on ^{your} healthy relationship in the BOC - not vice versa

Ⓐ as you learn to give + receive from one another

Ⓑ as you minister together in the BOC

Ⓒ as you ~~accept~~ listen to and accept the counsel of older mature believers

Ⓓ as your love relationship with Christ deepens

You are getting prepared to experience & build a great Christian marriage - one that will last - one that will express the BOC in a small unit - Ⓐ you, your Ⓑ husband & your Ⓒ children & Ⓓ all who enter your frame of reference.

AND You will not become tribal - removing yourself from BOC - becoming self-sufficient & autonomous.

→ Remember the health of your marriage depends upon you taking your life from Christ & the BOC, not each other. If you focus entirely on each other you will be disappointed, start fighting, spiritual life will go downhill fast →

Result: try to salvage marriage by getting a new house, having a baby, getting more things, going more places, working outside the home. 3-5 yrs. down the road you'll be miserable & wondering why.

You will be prime candidates for having an affair & then divorce - or misery living together

before marriage

It is why it is so important for individuals and experience. Body life in the church it is the basic structure through which God is working. It is the healthiest way. The healthiest way of marriage is dependent on the quality of relationship in the BOC - not vice versa.

- ① Do you learn to give + receive from one another
- ② Do you administer together in the BOC
- ③ Do you accept others to and accept the

④ Do you have relationship with Christ through a covenant of other virtues/beliefs

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A ND You will not become tribal - removing yourself from BOC - becoming self-sufficient + autonomous.

Remember the health of your marriage depends upon your taking your life from Christ + the BOC. Not look after - if you focus entirely on each other you will be disappointed, not fighting, spiritual life will go downhill fast.

Result: try to exchange messages by getting your hands, bodies, eyes, getting your things going, your, working outside all time. 3-5 hrs. down the road you'll discover + bonding when you will be prone to debates for having an affair + then discover - or realize living together