

MercEmail A Weekly Devotional by Steve Higginbotham

Valentine's Day

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You've probably heard the story about the young man who wouldn't marry unless the girl he picked to marry had the approval of his mother. This young man would bring home girl after girl to meet his mother, only to have his mother disapprove. After several years of trying, this young man finally found a girl his mother just absolutely adored! In fact, she was just like his mother. Now the only problem is, his father doesn't like her.

In a time when marriage is being assaulted on so many fronts (e.g. co-habitation, homosexual marriage, divorce, adultery, etc.) what is needed more than anything is for men and woman to return to the time tested and proven pattern that God gave us for marriage. While volume after volume can be written, giving instructions as to how to have a happy marriage, God had a way to sum it up in a few short principles.

- Do unto others as you would have them do unto you (Matthew 7:12).
- Husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the church and as you love your own body (Ephesians 5:25,28).
- Wives, submit to your husbands as unto the Lord (Ephesians 5:23).
- It is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35).

Observing just these four principles alone would eliminate most of the marital problems that people face today. Friends, the key to a better marriage is a better relationship with God. Happy Valentine's Day!

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