

JAMES 1:25

²⁵ But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

EZEKIEL 33:31-33

³¹ And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness. ³² And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not. ³³ And when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them.

JAMES 4:17

¹⁷ Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

C. Cleave to Your _____

PSALM 63:8

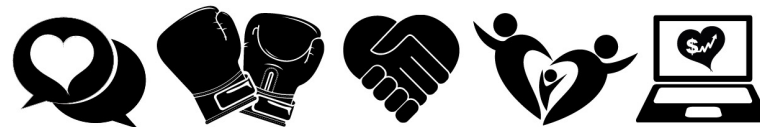
⁸ My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me.

Conclusion: _____

Reflection Questions:

1. On whom did you depend most before you married?
2. How has marriage affected that prior relationship?
3. Describe the greatest bond between you and your spouse.
4. What specific strings do you need to cut in order to intensify the bond between you and your spouse?

SIMPLY LIVING WHAT WE VOWED



Two Become One

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Introduction: _____

GENESIS 2:24

²⁴ Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

MATTHEW 19:5

⁵ And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?

MARK 10:7-8

⁷ For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; ⁸ and they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh.

EPHESIANS 5:31

³¹ For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

1. Command One: _____

A. Leave _____

- Cut the counseling string

EPHESIANS 6:2

² Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;

- Cut the economic string

B. Leave past _____

2 CORINTHIANS 10:12

¹² For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

C. Leave past _____

PHILPPIANS 3:13

¹³ Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

1 JOHN 1:9

⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The Four Word Pictures of God's Forgiveness...

MICAH 7:19

¹⁹ He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

PSALM 103:12

¹² As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

ISAIAH 1:18

¹⁸ Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

HEBREWS 10:17

¹⁷ And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

2. Command Two: _____

A. Cleave to Your _____ Covenant

MATTHEW 19:6

⁶ Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

Covenant	Contract
Based on love	Motivated by commitment made
Based on law of God	Motivated by legal compulsion
Assumes relationship "till death do us part"	Prepares for marriage to fail
"What's mine is yours"	Protects what is "mine"
"Your interests are my interests"	Secures "my" interests
Prepares for life together	Prepares for life apart

B. Cleave to Your _____

JAMES 1:22-24

²² But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. ²³ For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: ²⁴ for he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.