

Message Series: Making Marriage Work

“Trying to Make Marriage Work the Wrong Way”

Introduction:

1. Most people enter marriage with very lofty expectations.
2. Most couples end up very disappointed and frustrated in their marriage.
3. The root problem is that couples have attempted to build their marriage on an entirely _____ premise.
4. Listed below are two examples of faulty premises that marriages are often built on.

I. First faulty premise – the _____ marriage

A. What is the philosophy of the roleless marriage?

1. Couples strive to achieve equality in their relationship by _____ sharing all responsibilities, duties, and privileges.
2. Couples confuse equality with _____.

B. Why the roleless marriage won't work:

1. It makes little _____, organizationally.
2. It contradicts the plain teaching of the _____. Genesis 1:27

II. Second faulty premise – the _____ marriage

A. What is the philosophy of the traditional marriage?

1. It is the “Leave it to _____” model.
2. The father _____ long hours, while the mother stays _____ and cares for the kids.
3. It is a return to the “good old days” of the 1950's & '60's.

B. What are the problems with the traditional marriage and family?

1. Absentee _____ - Ephesians 6:4
2. Devalued _____ - Ephesians 5:28
3. Mutual _____ - Ephesians 5:31, 33

III. A Biblical alternative

- A. The Bible stresses the importance of _____ in marriage.
1. A role is the essential _____ that God has designed a man or woman to fulfill in a marriage relationship.
 2. While these roles differ, it does not mean that one is superior and one is inferior. Both are of _____ value and importance.
- B. God created man and woman, not to have the _____ functions, but to have _____ functions. Each partner must fulfill his or her God-given role.