

## Divorce Proof Marriage (pg. 1,079)

### A. Mutual Submission Ephesians 5:21

When one submits, the other often follows.

Submission does not devalue a person. Even Jesus submitted to the will of God the Father.

### B. Mutual Sacrifice Ephesians 5:22-25

Moment-by-moment dying to self requires yielding to God's Spirit.

Mutual Sacrifice is built on mutual cherishing.

### C. Marriage Sanctification Ephesians 5:25-28

The husband is not responsible for himself alone, but also to present his wife before Christ holy and blameless.

- encourage her time alone with God
- remind her not to love the things of the world
- keep her focused on eternity
- guide her towards acts of love that result in eternal reward
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### D. Marriage Unity through Mission 1Cor. 7:29-35

“Being in war together is what keeps us from being at war with each other.” -Francis Chan

Our marriages are NOT eternal. They last “until death do us part.” Then comes eternal reward or regret depending on how we lived this life.

Model marriage prayer from *You and Me Forever*  
by Francis & Lisa Chan

God, help us love You deeply and fear You greatly.  
Teach us how to love each other for Your sake.  
May the humility of Christ be seen in the way we treat each other.  
Show us how to enjoy each other without neglecting Your mission.  
Remind us of the brevity of life so we share Your good news urgently.  
Remind us of heaven so we will face rejection and trials joyfully.  
When we are prone to fight, teach us to fight together-to fight for You.  
May we spend our married days reminding each other of Your glory,  
Your gospel, Your love, Your mission, and Your promise of what is to come. Amen.

Video Resource: There are many helpful video series on marriage available on-demand through RightNow Media. *You & Me Forever* by Francis & Lisa Chan is an excellent 7-part series. It's *free* to NWC attenders. (Simply establish an account through the church.)

#### Quotes:

“...I've come to the conclusion that *good marriages don't just happen!* They take time and patience. You have to work at it. It doesn't come automatically.”  
-David Hocking

“Marriage is more than your love for each other. In your love you see only the bliss of your own happiness. But in marriage you are placed at a post of responsibility towards the world and mankind.”  
-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

“Romance, sex, and childbearing are temporary gifts of God. They are not part of the next life. And they are not guaranteed even for this life. They are one possible path along the narrow way to Paradise. Marriage passes through breathtaking heights and through swamps with choking vapors. It makes many things sweeter, and with it come bitter providences.”  
-John Piper, *This Momentary Marriage*