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Reading: (Eph 4:32) And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Topic: Scriptural Marriage Conduct

INTRODUCTION: Marriage is more than just a _____ and natural relationship, it is also a _____ relationship which has God given Scriptural guidelines.

I. BE KIND TO EACH OTHER:

A. Human Nature:

1. Our human nature which we are _____ with tends to be selfish, and wanting to always have its own _____, and as a result, this leads to conflicts which can become unpleasant and nasty. Ja. 4:1
2. Once the atmosphere becomes tense and _____, unkind words may be spoken that aim to cause pain to our spouse, and this increases the _____ to un-Christ-like behavior. Gal. 5:14,

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B. Christ's Nature:

1. People who are children of God are instructed to be _____ with the Spirit, which produces the fruit of the _____ and makes one Christ-like. Gal. 5:22-26
2. The word "gentleness" is translated from a Greek word that means _____, which is treating someone with respect and graciousness, the _____ way that you would like to be treated. Co. 3:12

C. Apply The Word To Your Marriage:

1. Unfortunately, there are people who leave the Word of God off the table when it _____ to their marriage relationship, and the spouses treat one another with unkindness and disrespect.
2. To remedy this, there needs to be a recognition on the _____ of the married individuals of their need to _____ the Word of God and just start being _____ to each other.

II. BE TENDERHEARTED:

A. The Hardening Of The Heart:

1. The Word of God speaks of the condition of one who hardens their _____, and warns of the danger of what may happen as a _____ of that behavior. Heb. 3:7,8

2. The word "harden" comes from the same root word as does the word "stubborn" and this

_____ the state of one who will not soften their _____ and submit to doing what God asks. Heb. 3:12

3. When stubbornness takes root in the heart of individuals, the possibility of resolving _____ is

greatly reduced as the two hard _____ dig in to solidify their positions.

B. Tender-Hearted:

1. The opposite of being hard-hearted is being tender-hearted which is what the _____ of God asks

us to be as children of God, and as _____ and _____. Eph. 4:32

2. The word "tender-hearted" means with compassion, and being sympathetic to the _____ of the

other person, in other words, putting yourself in their _____.

C. Apply The Word To Your Marriage:

1. When two people in a marriage do not apply the Word of God to their _____ and also to their

own _____ personally, the works of the _____ will replace the fruit of the Spirit. Gal. 5:20

2. The only way to remedy this impasse is for the husband and wife to _____ make a decision to

humble themselves before God, then to _____ their hearts towards each other and love again.

III. FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER:

A. When Conflicts Come:

1. Conflicts are inevitable in a marriage because of the different personalities, _____ and dislikes

and differing opinions on matters, etc. so don't think that you are the _____ ones who have conflicts.

2. A difficult day may put someone in a bad _____, hormones may cause irritability, someone

may forget to do something _____, etc. – we are all human and all make mistakes.

3. When these incidents arise, sometimes unkind _____ are spoken, bad attitudes show up, and

doors may be slammed, _____ may be raised in anger, etc. as tempers flare.

4. Other sources of conflict may be _____.

B. Jesus Taught Forgiveness:

1. One of the _____ of the depth of our spiritual lives is the _____ of forgiveness, as Jesus the

Master taught that His children must _____ others. Mt. 6:12

2. Jesus also taught that if we do not forgive another person, and that includes our own _____, we

will not be forgiven by the Lord either, and that is a very _____ matter. Mt. 6:14,15

C. Do The Right Thing – Forgive:

1. The Word of God states for us to be kind, tender-hearted and to _____ one another, just like
the Lord has been merciful and has _____ us. Eph. 4:32
2. When we mistreat one another and create animosity in our relationship, the Word of God
_____ that our _____ will be hindered. I Pt. 3:7
3. Never be afraid to say the words, “I’m _____.” Nobody is right all the time, and when you are
the one who has caused the conflict, or perhaps you are fifty-fifty part of the _____, don’t be so
hard-hearted or proud that you can’t admit that you may be wrong and say those words!

CONCLUSION: God designed marriage to be a _____ to mankind, and when He is at the
center of our lives, things will flow both naturally and spiritually and our
conduct _____ will become more Christ-like and _____ to Jesus and to each
other.