

“Preparing For Marriage”

Lesson Text: **Matthew 25:7-10.**

I. Prepare: By Understanding God’s Design For Marriage.

- Marriage Is Not Just A Piece Of Paper, It’s A Covenant. **Genesis 2:20-24.**
- Marriage Is A Lifelong Commitment. **Matthew 19:3-9; Romans 7:1-3.**
 - The Only Exception Is In **19:9; Romans 7:1-3**, Death Of Spouse.
- Marriage Is Designed To Be Fulfilling. **Deuteronomy 24:5; Proverbs 5:18-19.**
 - Why **Revelation 19:7** Is A Picture Of The Greatest Joy In Marriage!

II. Prepare: Your Character & Integrity.

- Marriage Doesn’t Fix Character, It Reveals It.
- It Will Reveal:
 1. Selfishness.
 2. Pride.
 3. Impatience.
 4. Dishonesty.
- **Must Work On Yourself To Become:**
 1. Selfless.
 2. Humble.
 3. Patient.
 4. Totally Open & Honest.

III. Prepare: Your Spiritual Life.

- Do You Want God In Your Marriage? First, Put Him First In Your Life!
 - **Matthew 6:33.**
- Develop A Consistent Prayer Life; Study God's Word;
Seek Spiritual Maturity, Not Just Emotional Connection.

IV. Prepare: By Knowing Your Role In The Marriage.

- Role of the Husband: **Ephesians 5:22-24; 6:4.**
- Role of the Wife: **Ephesians 5:25; 1 Peter 3:1; vs.6.**
- The Role Of Each To Respect, Support, & Work Together.

V. Prepare: For Unity, Not Individuality.

- **Genesis 2:24; Proverbs 25:24.**
- **1 Peter 3:7.**

VI. Prepare: For Responsibility, Not Care-free Romance.

- Romance Is A Big Part Of Marriage, But Not All Of It.
- **Proverbs 27:23-27; 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12.**

VII. Prepare: Through Seeking Wise Counsel.

- **Proverbs 11:14; Titus 2:3-4.**
- **Seek:** 1. Godly Mentors. 2. Biblical Teaching. 3. Premarital Counseling.
- **Avoid relying solely on:**
 - Friends Who Lack Spiritual Wisdom. (Remember Rehoboam, **1 Kings 12:8**).
 - The Culture’s Definition of Love.
 - Social media expectations.