

# Angie's Marriage Column ~ February 16, 2012

~ Biblical Wisdom for Your Marriage ~

Putting God First in YOUR Life and Marriage

## How do we make God Number ONE in our Life?

**We NEED to GET OFF the Pedestal!**

Your life is represented in the list below – study it carefully

<b>Husband's Priority List</b>	<b>Wife's Priority List</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. God/Jesus Christ (Accountability, Purpose, Service)</li><li>2. Wife (Accountability, Responsibility, Service)</li><li>3. Children (Responsibility)</li><li>4. Ministry (Helping others)</li><li>5. Self (career, job, hobbies)</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. God/Jesus Christ (Accountability, Purpose, Service)</li><li>2. Husband (Accountability, Responsibility, Service)</li><li>3. Children (Responsibility)</li><li>4. Ministry (Helping others)</li><li>5. Self (career, job, hobbies)</li></ol>

- What is important to you in your marriage? Who or what comes first in your life?

As examples: marriage or family cannot stand on the foundation of putting our career first, nor can it stand by putting our children first or ourselves first. If we claim to be Christ-ones then we have to look at our actions and behaviors. Do they come from Jesus Christ and the principles that He has given us in His Holy Word?

- Are we truly serving our spouse in the Lord?

What motivations, issues, and circumstances in your marriage today are you putting first instead of God? This is what you need to look at and make the necessary changes.

- Marriage is ALL about SERVING one another in Christ and if couples are not doing that they will not see the blessings of marriage.

If we are not in SERVICE to God and NOT SERVING our Spouse than who are we serving, self?

- If you profess that you are a Christ follower than you have a responsibility to Jesus Christ
- If you are married that means YOU have a responsibility to your marriage-your spouse

Many people are in pain and suffering because of negative issues and circumstances happening in their marriage. But this does not have to be so!!

YOU CAN CHANGE THAT by making God the most important part of your marriage. **It does not matter who did what or is doing what in your marriage, what matters is that you know and understand that your marriage is not right because your priorities are not right.**

People often come to us with so much emotional pain from a spouses drinking, adultery, or other addiction ... We have to tell them, "YOU cannot change your spouse but you can change YOU by your attitude-by what you do-by how you react-and by how you align your priorities in your life and marriage."

- ✓ Change YOU!
- ✓ Be the example to your wayward spouse!
- ✓ Put your priorities in order
- ✓ Pray for your spouse
- ✓ Be Truly Transformed by doing ALL of the ABOVE!
- ✓ Do NOT allow your spouse to undermine your faith and beliefs in God
- ✓ Take care of Your Spiritual Self!

**Bottom line is:** Stop trying to create how you think your marriage should be...give it to the ONE who already created it...and already knows what is best for your marriage...ALL the loving principles for having a happy marriage and home life have been given to you!!

**All YOU have to do is APPLY them into your Life!**

[How Should a Husband Love His Wife and How Should a Wife Love Her Husband?](#)

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**Just for the record: When a wife reveres her husband THAT is the best possible LOVE she can give to him. As we are Christ’s people the best possible love we can give God is to revere and worship Jesus Christ!! Which is following His principles given to us for marriage.**

Some wives like to say, *“The bible doesn’t say that I have to love my husband but he has to love me”! Uh???*

Wait a minute now, reverencing your husband is loving him...any wife that actually reveres her husband knows what real love is. In other words, she has God’s interest at heart. Do you get it? I hope so!

**You see, a wife who does NOT revere and respect her husband does not know how to love in the proper ways. And on the same token, we who claim to be Christ followers that do not actually follow and revere Christ are not loving God in the proper ways.** (it works both ways, by the way, I’m not singling out the wives here.)

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Many of us think loving God is going to church, tithing, donating to charity, saying that we love God, and so on and so forth, but this is things we do for ourselves...because when all is said and done, we go home, and treat our spouses bad, we complain and nag, and do whatever it is we do that places us back up on the pedestal (me, me,me) and God out in left field . Where is the Foundation for living!?

- God cares more about your walk than he does your money. He doesn't want your money—He wants YOU! Have you given your life to God? Or are you still pretending?

**It is a vicious cycle and the more we continue to place ourselves above our Creator the worse our marriage and life will get!!**

*“Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin. That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.” (1 Peter 4:1-2)*

In Christ,  
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