



Happily Ever After: God's Design Ephesians 5:22-33

A 2012 government study found that 43% of Canadian marriages end in divorce. The statistic stays the almost the same for Christian marriages. Why?

Christians are just as capable of _____ God's instructions as non-Christians are.

God's Design:

To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven... - Ecclesiastes 3:1

God has not only *made* all things but He has *designed* all things.

Things will always work best when we follow God's _____.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do His commandments. - Psalm 111:10

God's Word is *literally* the last place Satan wants us looking for help.

God's Authority & Plan for Marriage:

Agree that God's design is _____ for your marriage and God is the _____ over your marriage.

Ephesians 5:22-33:

Women want to be loved and men want to be respected.

God's Mandate for Husbands:

Husbands are called to _____ their own lives for their wives.

Husbands are called to _____ to their wives, through their love.

God's Mandate for Wives:

Paul tells us that God's design has the husband as the head of the family. It's not a scale of importance but rather different roles.

Both Parts Make It Work:

God has created a system for marriage in His design that requires _____ to lay down their _____ for the sake of the other.

Husbands – LEAD!

The husband's position of leadership has more to do with _____ than power.

Who Judges?

It comes down to how each person _____.

Breaking Deadlocks, Stalemates, and Impasses:

Like Christ, the husband must lead _____.

The silver bullet for marriage problems, issues and challenges is _____.

You can't give your spouse grace unless *you* are experiencing it on a daily basis, in Christ.

Recommended Reading:

"The 5 Love Languages" by Gary Chapman.

"Love and Respect" by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs