

## **“HAVE YOU INVITED GOD INTO YOUR MARRIAGE WITH PRAYER?”**

### **I. THE VALUE OF PARTNERING WITH YOUR SPOUSE IN PRAYER**

#### **A. The Responsibilities of the Praying Husband (1 Peter 3:7)**

1. As a husband you are commanded by God to \_\_\_\_\_ your wife as \_\_\_\_\_ loved the Church. (Eph. 5:25; Col. 3:19)
  
2. God’s will for every Christian husband (as seen in 1 Peter 3:7) is for him to...
  - a. dwell with his wife with \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. give \_\_\_\_\_ to his wife
  - c. recognize that she is the weaker vessel and she needs \_\_\_\_\_ and security
  
3. If the husband continues to fulfill his God given \_\_\_\_\_ as the head of the home, it will help prevent his prayers from being \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **B. The Responsibilities of the Praying Wife (1 Peter 3:1-6)**

1. As a wife you are commanded by God to \_\_\_\_\_ your husband, because the Lord has established him as the \_\_\_\_\_ figure in the home. (Eph. 5:22-24; Col. 3:18; 1 Pet. 3:1)
  
2. God’s will for every Christian wife (as seen in 1 Peter 3:1-4) is to...
  - a. submit to her husband even if he is \_\_\_\_\_ saved or he is saved but \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. “win” her husband over by her \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. use her spiritual adornment, which emphasizes the \_\_\_\_\_ instead of the \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. recognize “incorruptible beauty” is represented by a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ spirit

### C. The Praying Couple

1. Some practical ways to specifically pray FOR your spouse...
  - a. that his/her \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus Christ would increase, and a desire to \_\_\_\_\_ in Him would develop (Eph. 3:13-21; John 15:4-5)
  
  - b. that his/her \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for the Word of God would become insatiable (1 Pet. 2:2-3)
  
  - c. that the \_\_\_\_\_ that both of you once enjoyed in your newlywed days would begin to \_\_\_\_\_ once again and it would be nurtured
  
  - d. that he/she would make \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ as a priority in life (Eph. 6:18; Col. 1:3; 1 Thess. 5:17)
  
  - e. that he/she would see the benefits of \_\_\_\_\_ God into the marriage
  
2. Some things to consider when regarding praying WITH your spouse...
  - a. The underlining reason most husbands and wives will not pray with their mate is due to a refusal to \_\_\_\_\_ their own vulnerability or \_\_\_\_\_ before God.
  
  - b. The praying couple is spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ together as a \_\_\_\_\_, and they are now operating on the level that God originally intended (Matt. 18:20).

\* How can you begin to implement this in your own marriage?