

CLASS THREE

ELIMINATING THE DESTROYERS OF MARRIAGE

DESTROYER #1 - NOT FOLLOWING THE BIBLICAL INSTRUCTIONS TO HUSBANDS AND WIVES

HUSBANDS AND WIVES ARE TO BE "ONE FLESH" –

Genesis 2:23-24 "And Adam said: 'This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man.' Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh."

THE WIFE IS THE GLORY OF HER HUSBAND –

1 Corinthians 11:7 "For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God; but woman is the glory of man."

HUSBANDS ARE TO LOVE THEIR WIVES –

Ephesians 5:25 "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her"

HUSBANDS ARE TO LOVE WIVES, WIVES ARE TO RESPECT HUSBANDS –

Ephesians 5:32-33 "This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband."

HUSBANDS ARE TO BE THE HEAD OF THEIR WIVES

1 Corinthians 11:3 "But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God."

WIVES ARE TO SUBMIT TO THEIR HUSBANDS

Ephesians 5:22-24 "Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything."

DESTROYER #2 - NOT LEARNING FROM THE BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF MARRIAGE CONFLICTS

ONE EXAMPLE HAPPENED BETWEEN ABRAHAM AND SARAH AND IT WAS OVER A MUTUAL DECISION THAT TURNED OUT BADLY

DESTROYER #3 - NOT RESOLVING CONFLICTS IN A GODLY MANNER WHO'S WAY IS RIGHT?

THE ART OF COMPROMISE

WHEN ONE PERSON HAS TO GIVE IN

WHEN ONE PERSON GIVES IN TOO OFTEN

CONFLICT IN MARRIAGE IS NORMAL

DESTROYER #4 – NOT UNDERSTANDING THE “LOVE BANK” PRINCIPLE

To picture a "love bank," think of each spouse as having a bank inside of their heart. It is the place where love is kept. Whenever a spouse does something loving, deposits are made which cause the love balance to grow. "Love units" can also be taken out. It is obviously vital that the balance be kept on the positive side.

THREE LOVE BANK CONDITIONS

INTIMACY

CONFLICT

WITHDRAWAL

DESTROYER #5 - NOT UNDERSTANDING AND OVERCOMING THE COMMON “LOVE BUSTERS” IN MARRIAGE

ANGRY OUTBURSTS

THREE FORMS

WHY COUPLES PERSIST IN ANGRY OUTBURSTS

STOPPING ANGRY OUTBURSTS