

A Message To The Young
“Be Careful What
You Wish For!”

Ecclesiastes 11:9-10

Observations

- Ecclesiastes was written by Solomon, a man born out of sin
- His father was King David and his mother was Bathsheba, who was married to another man at the time of their affair
- Despite this beginning, God made Solomon king after his daddy David had died
- One night(2 Chronicles 1) after young Solomon had offered a thousand sacrifices, or burnt offerings, the Lord appeared to him and told him he could have anything he wanted.
“What do you want? Ask, and I will give it to you!”
verse 7

If God Himself Asked You The Same Question, What would You Say?

- Money, long life, fame, power, the death of your enemies, a gorgeous spouse?
- Solomon as a young leader asked for wisdom and knowledge, 2 Chronicles 1:9-10

“...You have made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude. Now give me wisdom and knowledge, that I might go out and come in before this people; for who can judge this great people of yours?”

Observations

Many a man or woman, in Christ started in their early years with enormous potential, spiritually, intellectually, and even financially but attached themselves to the wrong person, and by their 40's they've suffered emotionally, financially, and spiritually

***Solomon Didn't Use What He Asked For, Knowledge
And Wisdom***

1 Kings 11:1-3

“But King Solomon loved many (was obsessed with, The Msg.) foreign women, as well as the daughter of Pharaoh: women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites—from the nations of whom the Lord had said to the children of Israel, “You shall not intermarry with them nor they with you. Surely they will turn your hearts after other Gods.”

“Solomon clung to these in love(fell in love with them anyway, refusing to give them up)(The Msg.) And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines; and his wives turned away his heart.

For it was so, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned his heart after other gods; and his heart was not loyal to the Lord his God, as was the heart of his father David.”

Observations:

2 Bad Reasons To Marry!

#1 Some Marry For Looks

“To marry a person for their beauty is like buying a house for its paint.”

#2 Some Marry For Feeling

“The way I feel when I am with them”

“The way I feel when they hold my hand”

“The way I feel when they say they love me”

“The way I feel when we kiss”

Understand This

***The Way Someone Makes
You Feel Is No Predictor of
Their Faithfulness!***

***(A person who is not faithful can
make someone else feel the same
way at the same time!)***

What If God Didn't Intend For Me To Marry?

There Is So Much Pressure In Our Society To Be "On Time"

Graduate from High School at a certain time

Go to college at a certain time

Graduate from college at a certain time

Get married by a certain time

Get a house by a certain time

Have children at a certain time

Matthew 6:25

“Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body, more than clothing?”

Does God have a plan for your life?

Don't you believe that plan is rich with meaning and purpose?

If so, then focus on God's goodness and His purpose first and foremost, Matthew 6:33

Observations

- If God wants you to be married, He has been working before the creation of the world to make it happen

*“...For I know the plans I have for you says the Lord.
“They are plans for good and not disaster, to give
you a future and a hope.”*

Jeremiah 29:11
- If, on the other hand, marriage is not in His plan for you, don't you think that He will bless you with a life that has rich meaning to it?

Observations

- It is better to be single and content than to be married and miserable!
- Marriage is not designed to meet your deepest need. **GOD IS!** (don't get married to fill the void in your life; you are too shallow if you do)
- **Where we go wrong is looking for a partner without looking for God in the partner**
- **It is just as important to marry the right life as it is to marry the right person**

What Should Be Non-negotiable For A Marriage Candidate?

#1 They Should Be In The Body of Christ
(If you love Christ, why marry somebody that doesn't)

- If they love Christ but are unfamiliar with His Church that's where teaching comes in with you or someone that can help you help them in that direction

#2 The selection of a mate should go through a period of spiritual and moral sifting

This principle is found in Matthew 25:21 in the parable of the talents

The man who rewarded his servants said “...*Well done thy good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord.*”

- Many Fortune 500 Companies use the “Probationary Period” to apply this principle

The Plan Of Salvation

Hear the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Believe the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Repent of Sins

Acts 17:30

Confess Christ

Acts 8:37

Be Baptized

Acts 8:38