

# The Marriage Beatitudes I

Blessed are they that make love often, ministering to one another's sexual needs & preferences, for they shall not be tempted to look elsewhere.

Blessed are they that develop affectionate traditions such as regularly rubbing their spouse's back or feet, or stroking the other's hair, for they shall be appreciated.

Blessed are they that are quick to ask the other's forgiveness, for they shall enjoy peace, unity, harmony, and answered prayers.

Blessed are they who keep their marriage under pastoral care and part of a church, for they shall grow.

Blessed are they that schedule a weekly or bi-weekly dinner date, for they shall listen, laugh, cry, celebrate, and make plans together.

Blessed are they that schedule get-away weekends and trips, for their romantic fires shall burn again.

Blessed are they that regularly pray together, for they shall experience the promised tenfold prayer power.

Blessed are they that never share their dreams or disappointments with someone else of the opposite sex other than their spouse, for they shall never naively slide into the adultery abyss.

Blessed are they that share secret phrases, glances, memories, traditions, and playful activities between one another, for they shall laugh and last.

# The Marriage Beatitudes II

Blessed are they that use good manners with one another like "please," "thank you," and "you're welcome," for they shall stay best friends forever.

Blessed are they that "chip in" to help their spouse with chores, for they shall feel the deep inner fulfillment of being a Christ-like servant.

Blessed are they that praise and encourage their spouse often, by recounting and vocalizing the many things they appreciate about them, for they shall forever be sweethearts.

Blessed are they that do not look to one another for the depth of closeness and fulfillment that only God Himself can provide through prayer and Bible reading, for they shall not be disappointed with their spouse.

Blessed are they that get the proper health care and stay physically fit, for this shall eliminate many root causes of marital pressures.

Blessed are they that discuss, pray over, and agree on financial decisions, for this shall eliminate almost all marital conflict.

Blessed are they that don't try to control or change their spouse, but instead secretly pray God's Word over their mate, never praying their own opinions over them.

Blessed are they that don't wait for the other spouse to practice these beatitudes, but initiate them first; for their spouse shall eventually, if not immediately, begin to reciprocate.

# MARRIAGE BEATITUDES SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

1 Co 7:5 Phillips Do not cheat each other of normal sexual intercourse, unless of course you both decide to abstain temporarily to make special opportunity for prayer. But afterwards you should resume relations as before, or you will expose yourselves to the obvious temptation of Satan.

1 Jo 4:19...he first loved us.

Jo 13:1 AMP ...He loved them to the last and to the highest degree.

1 Co 13:4-8a NIV Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails...

Je 23:4 And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them...

Pr 17:9 TLB Love forgets mistakes; nagging about them parts the best of friends.

1 Pe 3:7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

Mr 6:31 And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest for a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat.

Ma 6:6 ...pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

Ma 18:19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

De 32:30 ...one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight...

Jas 5:16 Confess [your] faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

1 Co 7:2 Nevertheless, [to avoid] fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.

Pr 4:23 TLB Above all else, guard your affections. For they influence everything else in your life.

Pr 19:14 TLB ...only the Lord can give them understanding wives.

Pr 18:22 TLB The man who finds a wife finds a good thing; she is a blessing to him from the Lord.

So 1:15, 2:16, 4:9, 6:4 Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold, thou art fair; thou hast doves' eyes...My beloved is mine, and I am his...Thou hast ravished my heart...Thou art beautiful, O my love...

Am 3:3 Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

1 Ti 4:8 RSV ...bodily training is of some value...

Ru 1:16 ...Intreat me not to leave... for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: ... and thy God my God...