

Success in College... God's Way

MARRIAGE & FAMILY

REVERSE ENGINEERING THE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY PROCESS

reverse engineering - The process of analyzing an existing system to identify its components and their interrelationships and create representations of the system in another form or at a higher level of abstraction. Reverse engineering is usually undertaken in order to redesign the system for better maintainability or to produce a copy of a system without access to the design from which it was originally produced.

What does the mean for marriage & family?

- **Determine what an ideal marriage would be to you and plan the necessary steps to make this happen.**

FIRST STEPS: ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE, SINFUL BEHAVIORS WILL HAVE LIFE-LONG, DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS.

- Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."
- Colossians 3:5 "Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips."

DATING

- **YOU USUALLY END UP MARRYING SOMEONE YOU DATED.**
 - *WHAT SHOULD THIS IMPLY ABOUT YOUR DATING TECHNIQUES?*
 - *LUKE 6:31 "Do to others as you would have them do to you."*

WOULD YOU AGREE WITH THIS STATEMENT? "MOST COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE SHORT SIGHTED ABOUT LIFE."

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR CRITERIA FOR A SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE AND FAMILY?

- **NO DIVORCE**
- **KIDS**
- **AVOIDING BANKRUPTCY**
- **JOY AND CONTENTMENT**
- **JESUS CHRIST IS LORD OF YOUR FAMILY**

I Corinthians 13 ⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ⁸Love never fails.

Colossians 3:18 "Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. ²⁰Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. ²¹Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged."

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.

HOW YOU AND YOUR FUTURE SPOUSE ARE LIVING YOUR LIVES NOW IS GOING TO AFFECT THE QUALITY OF MARRIAGE YOU HAVE.

- **FINANCIAL CHOICES**
 - **DO YOU WANT TO BRING SUBSTANTIAL DEBT INTO A MARRIAGE?**
 - **SHOULD WE HAVE A BIG WEDDING, EVEN IF WE CAN'T REALLY AFFORD IT?**
- **EMOTIONAL STATE**
 - **DO I HANDLE DIFFICULT SITUATIONS BY THE PEACE JESUS HAS GRANTED ME?**
- **PHYSICAL**
 - **DO YOU WANT TO BE IN THE BEST SHAPE YOU CAN BE?**
 - **A FEW BEERS MAY BE CUTE NOW, BUT DO YOU REALLY WANT TO MARRY AN ALCOHOLIC?**
 - **DO YOU REALLY WANT TO BRING A STD INTO A MARRIAGE?**
- **SPIRITUAL**
 - **IS JESUS CHRIST THE PRIORITY OF MY LIFE NOW?**
 - **IF MY SIGNIFICANT OTHER IS NOT SERVING JESUS NOW, WHAT MAKES ME THINK MARRIAGE WILL CHANGE THIS?**

Matrimony is a process by which a grocer acquired an account the florist had.
~Francis Rodman

WHAT ARE SOME THINGS THAT YOU CAN BE DOING NOW TO PREPARE FOR MARRIAGE?

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

A happy marriage is the union of two good givers. ~Ruth Bell Graham