

God's Design for Marriage

Week 9



Purposes for Marriage

- Procreation
- To prepare for eternity – discipleship
 - “To conform us to the image of His son”
 - By God working through both husband and wife together on our heart issues.

Upcoming Topics

- Family of Origin baggage
- Self-created baggage within the marriage
- Changing destructive patterns of interaction

Family of Origin Influences

- Clues

- Idiosyncrasies
- Different ways of doing things
- Some create problems
- Heart is invested in the discussion
- Greater stake in the outcome

- Prov 16:23

- The heart of the **wise** teaches his mouth...

Words from the mouth

- Mt 15:18 – Thoughts from the heart that defile a person.

Or

- James 3:17 – Wisdom from Above

Example



Two interlocking gold rings are positioned in the background, slightly out of focus. The rings are intertwined, with one ring passing over the other, symbolizing connection and contrast.

Family of Origin Influences Show
Up Best When There Is a Contrast
Like with a spouse.



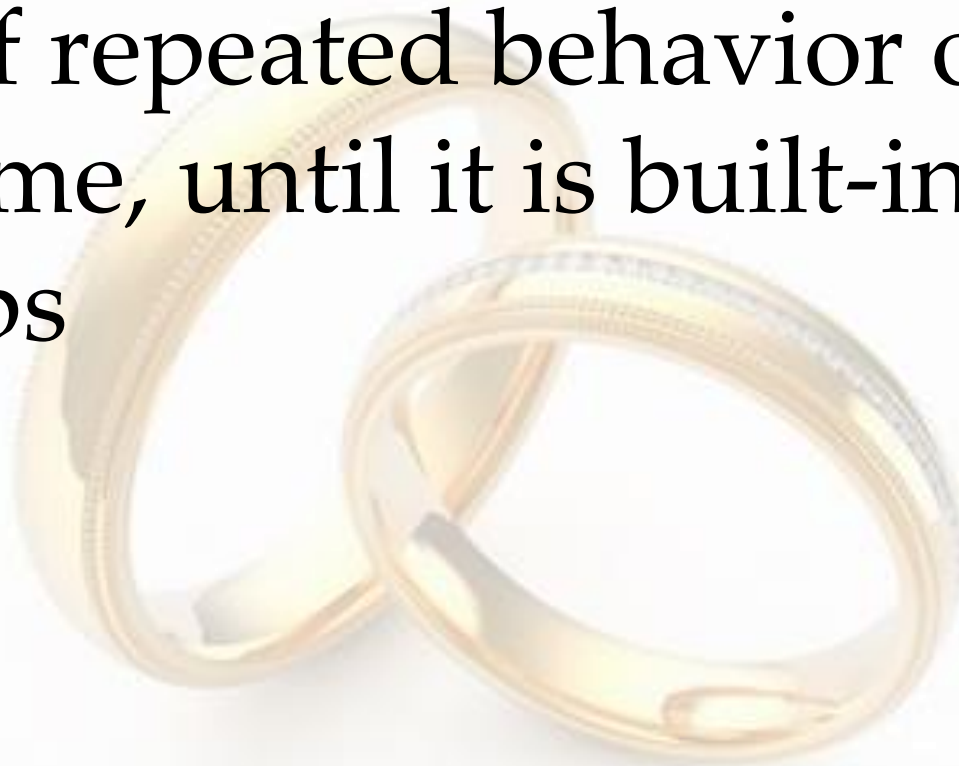
Impacts on a Marriage

- Five Hypothetical Couples
- Eph 5:22, 25
- 1 Pet 3:4
- Col 3:19
- Prov 21:9
- Heb 12:15, (Deut 29:18)



Formation of Emotional History

- A pattern of repeated behavior over a long period of time, until it is built-in to the relationships



Development of Emotional History

- Asking kindly.
- Repeated offenses lead to her blowing up.
- Despite his promises, no change.
- Finally, she just went straight to the blowup.

Two gold rings are interlocked, one slightly behind and to the right of the other, creating a circular shape. The rings are set against a light, neutral background.

What's the Problem?

(Both H and W have work to do)

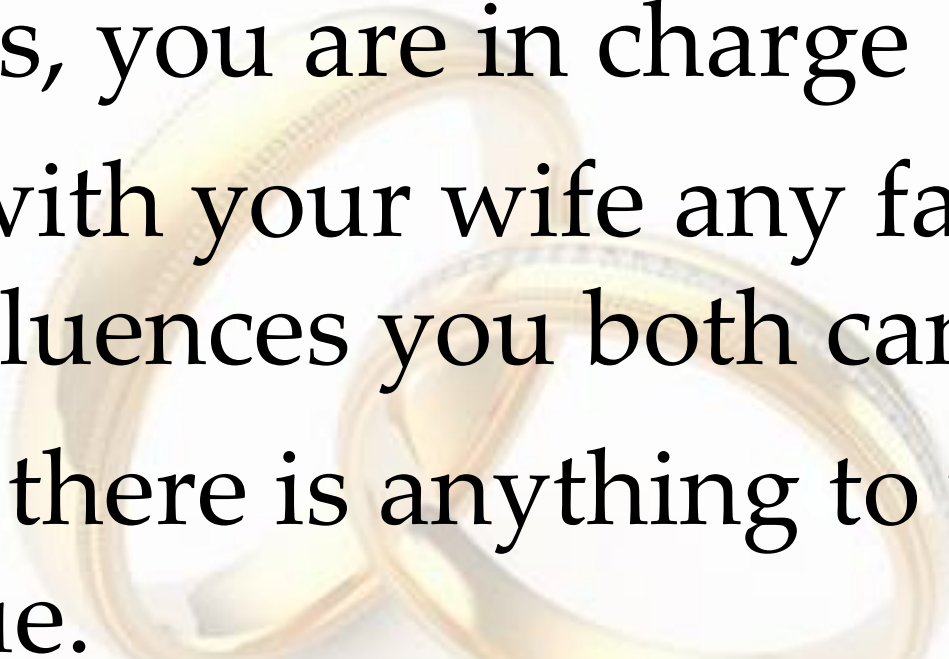
Symptoms of the Heart Issue

- Angry, bitter wife
- Negative, pessimistic attitude
- He was thoughtless in “little things” like showering
- She didn't feel important or valued by him.

Seeking Growth

- Define the surface/behavioral problem
 - Facts
- List the symptoms of the heart issue
- Identify the heart problem
- Both H and W have work to do

HOMework

1. Husbands, you are in charge
 2. Discuss with your wife any family of origin influences you both can identify
 3. Decide if there is anything to work on as a heart issue.
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- A background image of two gold wedding rings intertwined, symbolizing marriage and commitment.