

A Marriage Minute

To Help Your Marriage be just a little better today!



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Freedom is a wonderful thing. Whether we speak of national freedom or personal freedom the principles are the same. Yet today marriages and relationships are in turmoil. This is reflected in a national decline of civility and order. As the Church goes, so goes the family; as the family goes, so goes the nation. However, freedom is never absolute. It is bounded by the will and purposes of God. Freedom is to know that I am personally accepted and loved by the Supreme Judge of the universe who created me in his image. Therefore, I'm not in need of the approval of others. I am free to be who He made me to be, fully and completely. Freedom is knowing that our marriage is divinely ordained. As we walk in the light sharing our thoughts, feelings and actions, holding ourselves mutually accountable to God and His laws, we come to know, and accept one another for who we are.

Freedom is knowing that I am free to pass on to my children a legacy of faith, hope and love. The next generation will be deeply impacted by choices we make --or fail to make-- even as we are deeply impacted by the choices our parents made. Ultimate freedom is the freedom to follow Christ. Outside of Christ there is only bondage, seen or unseen, which results in misery in this life, and an eternity separated from the God who made us. It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Therefore let us freely pursue His will, and the joy promised will be more than just words in a book. It will be real in our lives, in our marriage, in our family and in our nation.

Question for the both of us: Do we really value and exercise our freedoms to be the very best we can, or are we still in bondage to people, circumstances, or attitudes?

Prayer For Both of Us: Lord, help us to know the freedom that sets us free to soar to new heights in love, mercy, and yes, even righteousness. Become all that we need that we might be free to be who you called us to be.

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