

# Make Church a Part of Your Life

## WEEKLY SERMONETTE



### “Essential Elements for Marriage”

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(PART ONE)

I want to share with you something that is no big revelation, but a simple truth that should always be in the fore thought of our minds, “The world has changed, and it is going to keep changing.” (Marriage, From Surviving to Thriving) While change is certain, the marriage that thrives in uncertain times has a man and wife who set their spiritual hearts on the unchanging truths found in God’s Word.

These truths are: One: the heart of humanity has not changed. Two: the Lord’s will for marriage hasn’t changed. Three: the marriage dedicated to Jesus Christ enjoys God’s faithfulness and compassions. Four: God’s truths revealed in the Word of God will always remain unchanged.

A truth worth grasping in regard to marriage, it is God’s idea, not man’s. The Bible holds a powerful truth written by Moses, “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.” (Genesis 2:24-25) Regarding the Christian mar-

riage, the Apostle Paul quoted this passage of Scripture in his exhortation to husbands and wives in his letter to the church in Ephesus. (Ephesians 5:31) Jesus said during His teaching on marriage, “Haven’t you read, ... that at the beginning the Creator made them male

and female.’ ... For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.” (Matthew 19:4-5)

These very words should draw all of us to a heart desire to be in prayer for those wonderful couples who choose to obey the Lord’s command and make a public profession of their marriage covenant (Malachi 2:14) for one another which is to last “Till Death Do They Part.”

Yes, the world has changed and is going to continue to change. However, God has unchanging truths found in His word that protects the marriage that is under the Lordship of Christ. His protecting and guiding hand is only available to those couples who truly seek His ways. You must choose to search out the teachings of God’s Word, so the Lord can make His ways clear through the trials, temptations, and hardships that arise in the wonderful God ordained institution of marriage. There are essential elements of marriage and you must find Christ’s appointed teachers who can teach you how to apply them.

From the temptation of giving up. The effects of Genesis three does not go away with age or weakens because of years of experience. Satan’s attack on marriage is constant until “Death Do You Part.”



### Tuned In to the Spirit

Driving down the highway, listening to our favorite station, we begin to hear static and the echo of another station in the background. Fine tuning is to no avail, we have traveled out of range of the frequency.

Sometimes we stray in our spiritual lives in much the same way, we travel through our busy days until we may realize that we are not quite ourselves...we’ve become easily frustrated, impatient, maybe discouraged. We’ve gotten out of tune. Our spirit needs to get back to God’s frequency.

Romans 12:2 advises, “...be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is, his good, pleasing and perfect will.” Get back to your House of Worship and into the range of the Holy Spirit. Get tuned in to God.

#### Weekly Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-21	Acts 2:22-47	Acts 3:1-26	Acts 4:1-22	Acts 4:23-37	Acts 5:1-16	Acts 5:17-42
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EARL POWELL

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS**  
In the Matter of the Estate of EARL POWELL, Deceased  
Case No. 2011-PR-37  
**NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT**

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that a petition has been filed on May 31, 2012, in said Court by Dorothy Lewis, executrix of the estate of Earl Powell, deceased, praying for a final settlement of the estate, approval of her acts and proceedings, allowance for fees and expenses, determination of the heirs

entitled to the estate and assignment to them in accordance with the will and the orders of the Court.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before June 25, 2012, at 9:30 a.m., on said day, in said Court, in the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said petition will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILMA N. LASALLE

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION**  
In the Matter of the Estate of WILMA N. LASALLE, Deceased  
Case No. 2011-PR-35  
**NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT**

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said court by Ralph LaSalle, executor of the estate of Wilma N. LaSalle, deceased, praying for a final settlement of said estate, approval of the acts, proceedings and accounts of the executor, allowance for the services of the executor and attorney’s fees and expenses; and also praying that the court determine

the heirs entitled to the estate and the proportion or part thereof to which each is entitled, and distribute and assign the same to them in accordance with the provisions of decedent’s will; that the administration of the estate be closed; that the executor be discharged and released from further liability.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 28th day of June 2012, at 1:30 p.m. of said day, in said court, in the city of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

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