

Squaw Creek Baptist Church, Marion, IA.
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SERMON OUTLINE 3/11/07

BIBLE PASSAGE: *Ephesians 5:15-21*

TITLE: “TROTH TROUBLES”

INTRO:

1. Marriage: By God’s instructions on the _____ foundation of His Word.
2. What in the world is a troth?
3. Marriage must be built on _____!

PROPOSITION: Be alert to the potential problems inherent in marriage and deal with them as they appear.

I. EVALUATE YOUR MARRIAGE ON A REGULAR BASIS, *Ephesians 5:15-21*.

- A. _____ Problems Versus _____ Problems.
 1. Little problems stack up.
 2. Little problems tend to be ignored.
- B. The Cumulative Effect Of Little Problems.
 1. _____ leaks can become big bills...
 2. _____ the slow leaks in marriage, *Song of Solomon 2:10-15*.

II. ERADICATE THE VERMINOUS TRAITS WHICH THREATEN TO DESTROY MARRIAGE, *Ephesians 5:15-21*.

- B. Anger.
 1. Anger can become _____ and uncontrolled.

2. Check out: *Galatians 5:22-26*; *Proverbs 14:17*; *16:32*; *22:24, 25 & 37:8*; *Ecclesiastes 7:9*; *James 1:19*.
 3. Uncontrolled anger is an _____ to marriage.
- B. Confusion/Ignorance/Rebellion.
1. What is the _____ of *Ephesians 5:15-21*?
- C. Self-Centeredness/Busyness.
1. Self-what's the _____ of *Ephesians 5:19-21*?
Cf., *Philippians 2:1-5*.
 2. Busyness/workaholism/perfectionism...
- D. Insensitivity/Nagging Criticism, *Ephesians 5:17*.
1. Look at the _____, "foolish".
 2. Watch out for apathy!
 3. What is the attitude of a _____? *Proverbs 21:16-21*.
- E. Stubbornness/Irritating Behaviors, *Ephesians 5:18-21*.
1. What does God want of us? There is a _____!
 2. Stubbornness can become an addiction,
I Corinthians 13:4-7.
- F. Emotional Dishonesty.
1. Denied _____ do not resolve themselves.
 2. You must have the _____ conversations,
BUT speak the truth in love.

III. ENCOURAGE YOUR SPOUSE BY YOUR EXAMPLE!

CONCLUSION:

1. Do you have some troth troubles?
2. Admit, apologize, advance...
3. Are you connected to the power?