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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"Unity in Marriage"

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"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)

A Biblically joined marriage enjoys what the Lord knows to be unity. Our key Scripture says, "...they shall become one flesh." (Genesis 2:24) "One" (eḥād) "stresses unity while recognizing diversity within that oneness." "It has the idea of unity or integrity as when it designates one justice for all. This unity is diversity brought into harmony."

I especially appreciate an illustration from the book "Love Is a Choice." What Moses was writing in our Genesis passage "is the picture that is seen in a figure-skating couple gliding across the ice. The man and woman intertwine their arms and legs, spinning and twirling in perfect synchronized movements with music playing. Their movements are individual, different, yet carefully executed so that you see them as one working unit. Then suddenly they part ways and move in opposite directions, spin in perfect unison, they come together again, creating a beautiful picture of two people living as "one-flesh." (Marriage, From Surviving to Thriving, Swindoll)

The Christian marriage surrendered to the Lordship of Christ as head of the relationship has individual movements which are different, yet present to an on looking world a picture of unity, a

couple working in harmony for the glory of God who created their marriage covenant. A marriage truly under the Lordship of Christ has a man and woman who are often seen together working toward a common goal. Even when they are not together, their daily thoughts lead to decisions which produce actions that present to all who may take notice a perfect unison toward

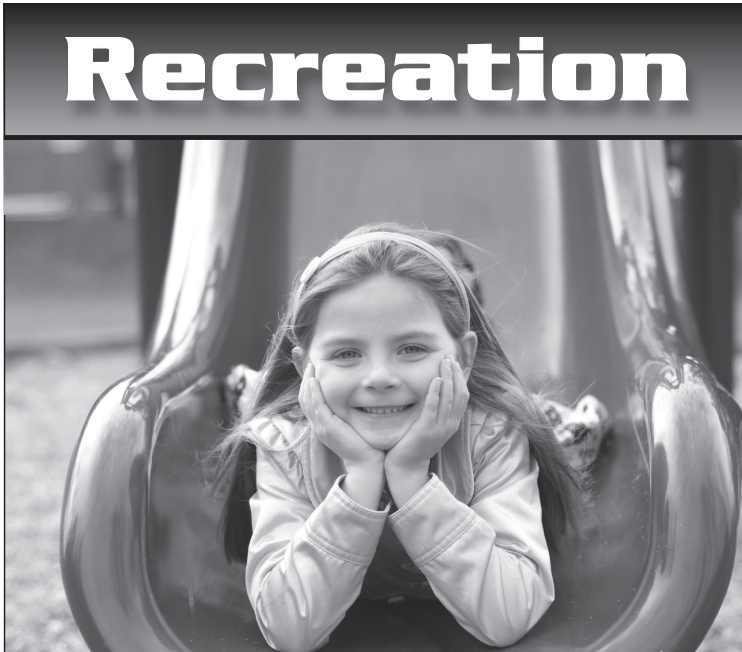
the purpose the Lord put that marriage together.

This "one flesh" has a couple using different gifts, resources, talents and abilities to reach a common goal of providing a safe home, the raising of their children and especially in the spiritual training of their children. This "one flesh" joins forces and births forth unity when faced with illness, conflicts and un-

certainties of life. This "one flesh" rejoices in the victories and successes of each other. This "one flesh" rallies to lift each other up in the midst of failure and protects the heart and life of each other when persecuted. This "one flesh" weeps when his or her spouse weeps and rejoices when the other one rejoices.

A marriage under the true guidance of the Holy Spirit of Christ avoids shame because this "one flesh" destroys thoughts of self-consciousness, overcomes fear of ridicule, has no hang-ups and escapes the embarrassments of emotional hurts from poor choices. This Biblical intimacy avoids the world's view which is sex and success driven from self satisfaction to victorious living through shared discussion, shared silence, shared history and yes, shared trials and heartaches, as well as shared joys. This one flesh builds on the essentials of a husband who knows "his responsibility is to love his Lord so deeply and accept his God given call so completely that he gives himself to his wife without conditions. A marriage surrendered to the Lordship of Christ has a wife who knows her responsibility to respect her husband so much that she gives herself to her husband without hesitations every part of her life." (Marriage, From Surviving to Thriving, Swindoll)

Let God, Christ and the Holy Spirit grow your marriage to what the Scriptures call UNITY!



Recreation

"Grown-ups" go to work, come home and work, go to bed, then get up and do it all over again. Do you remember the last time you actually "played"? Recreation is important whether we are children or adults. The word "recreation" speaks for itself; we need to create ourselves again each day for optimum performance!

Each one of us has the capacity for recuperation and repair. We need to rest the mind, body and spirit from the weight of daily responsibility. An essential element for renewal is daily trust in God's will. In Matthew 11:28, our Lord says..."Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Join in weekly worship at God's house and let Him help you "recreate" yourself. You will be refreshed!

Sunday Acts	Monday Acts	Tuesday Hebrews	Wednesday Hebrews	Thursday Hebrews	Friday Hebrews	Saturday Hebrews
5.1-16	5.17-42	3.1-19	4.1-13	4.14-5.10	5.11-6.12	6.13-7.10

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS In the Matter of the Estate of WANDA J. HEATON, Deceased
Case No. 2010-PR-16
NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that on May 20, 2010, a petition was filed in this Court by Warren G. Heaton, an heir of Wanda J. Heaton and a devisee, legatee, and named executor in the Last Will and Testament of Wanda J. Heaton, dated February 11, 1985, praying that the will filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record, that he be appointed as executor without bond and that he be granted Letters Testamentary.
You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before June 14, 2010, at 1:30 p.m., with this Court, in the City of Norton, in Norton, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.
All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within the later of: (a) four months from the date of first publication of this notice; or (b) if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, thirty days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.
Warren G. Heaton, Petitioner

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT F. MINDRUP
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS In the Matter of the Estate of ROBERT F. MINDRUP, Deceased
No. 2009-PR-32
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 this Court by Bradley Danielson, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Robert F. Mindrup, Deceased, praying that his acts be approved; that his account be settled and allowed; that the will be construed and the estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; that fees and expenses be allowed; that the costs be determined and ordered paid; that the administration of the estate be closed; that the Executor be discharged and that Bradley Danielson be released from further liability.
YOU ARE REQUIRED TO FILE your written defenses thereto on or before the 21st day of June, 2010, at 10:00 o'clock A.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 the Petition.
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