

# THE SPIRITUAL WARFARE AGAINST MARRIAGES

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1st Timothy 4:2-3

Marriage is a powerful institution in the eyes of the Lord. It is a bond, a covenant and a commitment between one man and one woman. The institution of marriage frightens the enemy. His influence on people **DECREASES** when a couple decides to marry in holy matrimony.

There are three primary reasons why the enemy is frightened by the institution of marriage.

## REASON #1

The first reason marriage frightens the enemy is because it is harder for him to defeat two **UNITED** people than it is to defeat an individual.

## REASON #2

The second reason marriage frightens the enemy is because it **HONORS** the Kingdom of God. It is impossible for the enemy to defeat an institution that is built on the Kingdom of God.

## REASON #3

The third reason marriage frightens the enemy is because it **INCREASES** the Kingdom of God. God's passion is to have a family. When God's people honor the institution of marriage they are cultivating his divine purpose.

The enemy **CANNOT** destroy the institution of marriage. However, he can launch an attack to dilute it, pollute it, mock it, degrade it and make it irrelevant.

1st Timothy 4:2-3 says, *"Such teaching come from the false words of liars whose consciences are destroyed as if by a hot iron. They **FORBID** people to marry and tell them not to eat certain foods which God created to be eaten with thanks by people who believe and know the truth."*

Unfortunately, the media has spoken against the institution of marriage. The LGBTQ community has **DEGRADED** the institution of marriage. The millennial generation believes the institution of marriage is irrelevant in today's age. **EVERY IDEA** that fights against the institution of marriage is demonic.

The enemy's strategy is to **HIDE** the significance of marriage so it will be easy for him to defeat and destroy the plan of God. **IT IS EASY TO DESTROY A SINGLE PERSON THAN A UNITED COUPLE.**

*Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 says, "Two people are better than one, because they get more done working together. If one falls down, the other can help him up. But it is bad for the person who is alone and falls, because no one is there to help.*

*If two lie down together, they will be warm, but a person alone will not be warm. An **ENEMY MIGHT DEFEAT ONE PERSON**, but two people together can defend themselves; a rope that is woven of three strings is hard to break."*

## MARRIAGE INVITES DEMONIC ATTACKS

When a man and a woman decides to marry one another the enemy seeks to destroy their marriage

**IMMEDIATELY**. The enemy only has **ONE** weapon to utilize to accomplish his agenda.

He attempts to **SEPARATE** what God has put together. Even though the enemy only has one weapon to utilize, he has **MULTIPLE METHODS** in utilizing this one weapon.

### HERE'S WHAT I MEAN:

- The enemy will attempt to separate a married couple by planting the seed of **JEALOUSY** in a person's heart.
- The enemy will attempt to separate a married couple by sending a temptress to **SEDUCE** a person in committing adultery.

- The enemy will attempt to separate a married couple by igniting **EXPLOSIVE** arguments to frustrate both parties in the marriage.
- The enemy will attempt to separate a married couple by **DISSOLVING** the trust they had for one another.
- The enemy will attempt to separate a married couple by **DESTROYING THE SEXUAL INTIMACY** between them.
- The enemy will attempt to separate a married couple by sending other people to plant seeds of **DOUBT** and **NEGATIVE THOUGHTS** toward their spouse.

## STAY CONNECTED

Will there be disagreements in your marriage? Yes. Will you get tired of each other every now and then? Yes. Will you feel like you're in love all the time? No. In spite of the trouble you **WILL** face in your marriage, **STAY**

**CONNECTED.** Do not allow the enemy's attacks to separate you.

Do as much as you can together. Go shopping **TOGETHER.** Go on vacation **TOGETHER.** Watch television **TOGETHER.** Work on projects **TOGETHER.** Doing things together **COMBATS** the devil's attack against your marriage.

The enemy has destroyed many marriages and won many battles because the people did not know how to fight against his attack. Take the Wisdom you have learned in this teaching to protect your marriage. Separating from your spouse or doing something separately from your spouse may seem wise initially.

However, in the long run it is foolish. If the enemy is able to separate you from your spouse he has infiltrated your marriage. Through every problem, circumstance and hardship stay together and stay connected. **UNITY** will defeat the enemy's plan in the end.

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