

10 things about marriage from the text so far (1 Corinthians 7:1-16). Insights from Pastor David Tripp's article "*Ten Things You Should Know About Marriage*." Look up the verses and pray for a clearer understanding of what God desires from each of us. Dedicate yourself to taking at least 3 of these to work on, even if you aren't married. Pray that the Lord would enable us to do these things better.

- 1) **Marriage is rooted in worship:** We see the Creator's glory and experience His joy through unity in marriage (1 Corinthians 7:1-6, Genesis 2:23-25)
- 2) **Marriage requires work:** Every marriage requires strength and wisdom that can only be received through dependence on the Lord. (John 15:5, Colossians 3:18-19, 1 Peter 3:1-7)
- 3) **Marriage requires regular confession of sin:** You are walking in the light of Gospel transparency together; confession is the doorway to growth and change. (Colossians 3:12-14, 1 John 1:9)
- 4) **Selfishness is a huge enemy of marriage:** Consider your partner's emotions and needs, don't be seduced by selfishness. (Philippians 2:1-5)
- 5) **Marriages need the church:** Others can minister to you as they have been there (Hebrews 10:24-25).
- 6) **Marriage is the in-between:** Christ has come and conquered, yet we are awaiting a new heaven and earth (1 John 3:2, 2 Peter 2:13)
- 7) **Our marriages exist in a fallen world:** We are exposed to and tempted by the brokenness of the culture surrounding us. Our conduct in the broken world is part of God's redemptive plan. (Ephesians 4:17-5:2, Romans 12:2)
- 8) **Married people are still sinners in their sanctification:** Lose unrealistic expectations for your partner, trust God to finish what He began (Philippians 1:6)
- 9) **God is faithful, merciful, and powerful enough to work in marriages:** He is not far from each of us (Acts 17:27), the God who determined your address is committed to providing everything we need for life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3-11).