



MESSAGE NOTES

Danny and Jackie Anderson
Marriage Matters, week 2

“By all means marry. If you get a good wife, you’ll become happy. If you get a bad one, you’ll become a philosopher.” - Socrates

1. Do money God’s way.

- Living on less than you make
- Creating a spending plan
- Paying off and avoiding debt
- Stewards and not owners
- Giving generously

2. Show each other grace.

- A great marriage is made up of two great forgivers.
- *Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*
- Colossians 3:13
- “Everyone thinks forgiveness is a lovely idea until he has something to forgive.” - CS Lewis
- “Unforgiveness is like taking poison and hoping that the other person dies.” - Joyce Meyers
- Believe the best in your spouse.
- Look at how the Lord has forgiven us.

3. Fight fair.

- Listen!
- A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing his opinion. - Proverbs 18:2
- Consider one another’s temperament.
- Choose a good time.
- Stay cool.
- A hot-tempered man stirs up strife, but he who is slow to anger quiets contention. - Proverbs 15:18
- Remember who the enemy is.

4. Connect emotionally.

- Pace of life
- The marriage is not the priority.
- Daily conversation
- Weekly date night
- Extended date twice a year
- Vacation once a year without kids.

Book Recommendations from Danny & Jackie:

Love and War by John & Stasi Eldredge, *Sacred Marriage* by Gary Thomas and *Love and Respect* by Emerson Eggerichs

WEEKLY BIBLE READING			
One Year New Testament	SUNDAY Romans 9:22 –10:13	MONDAY Romans 10:14 –11:12	TUESDAY Romans 11:13-36
This Week ➔	July 26	July 27	July 28
WEDNESDAY Romans 12:1-21	THURSDAY Romans 13:1-14	FRIDAY Romans 14:1-23	SATURDAY Romans 15:1-22
July 29	July 30	July 31	August 1
WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE: COLOSSIANS 3:13			

FOR GROUP DISCUSSION

Answer these questions prior to your Small Group meeting this week.

1. How we handle our money impacts every part of our lives. It is a huge factor in marriage, a tremendous responsibility in parenting, and a potential landmine for singles. Of the 5 ideas Danny and Jackie discussed about finances, which one resonated with you most? Why?

MARRIEDS – How have your individual views on finances affected your marriage? What can you do (or have you done) to get on the same page with your financial decisions?

SINGLES – After hearing the stresses that money can cause in a marriage, what can you do to safeguard your future marriage from financial pressures?

2. **READ** Colossians 3:13. Danny mentioned 3 reasons it is sometimes difficult to forgive – it feels like you’re letting someone off the hook, you think they will just do it again, and/or sometimes the other person does not seem remorseful.

MARRIEDS – When it comes to marriage, two sinful people (with all their faults) are pledging to live together for the rest of their lives. What are some of the things this type of pledge requires from each person? When it comes to your spouse, what has been the most common reason it is difficult to forgive?

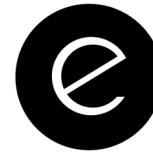
SINGLES & MARRIEDS – **READ** 1 Peter 4:8. How would your current relationships (marriage) look if you began to think the best of others (your spouse) before the bitterness of an unforgiving position springs up? How would your willingness to forgive others (your spouse) change if you began to consider how God has forgiven you?

3. Danny and Jackie gave us 4 principles they have discovered to help them ‘fight fair’. How does ‘active listening’ diffuse a tense situation? What does it mean to ‘consider the temperament’ of the other person? Why is this important? How do you know if it is a ‘good time’ or a ‘bad time’ to begin taking on a situation with a potential conflict? What kinds of things can you do to help alleviate your anger so that you stay cool and calm when conflict arises?

READ John 10:10. How can you create reminders of who the real enemy is, and what his intentions are for you, in order to bring perspective to the conflicts in your relationships?

4. **MARRIEDS** – What is the biggest challenge you face in your marriage? What are some questions you should be asking your spouse and yourself to evaluate the condition of your marriage? What will you do this week to intentionally address the things that are harmful to your emotional, physical, and spiritual connection as husband and wife?

SINGLES - How can implementing the principles you’ve heard in this series effect your current relationships and your potential marriage relationship in the future?



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Greenwood Campus

July 25 & 26, 2015

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LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE

BANTA

704

GREENWOOD

2,850

TOTAL

Both Campuses

Attendance: 3,554

Offering: \$85,602

June Attendance Averages: Banta - 675 Greenwood - 2,723

June Giving Average: \$77,166

\$91,000 per week fully funds our 2-Year Vision.