

WEEK 2 QUESTION & ANSWER DANNY & JACKIE ANDERSON

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Introduction

This past week, Danny and Jackie Anderson gave us the opportunity to ask them about marriage, answering the most commonly asked questions and providing biblical and practical insight.

Discussion Questions

1. Of the questions asked and answered, which ones most resonated with you and why?

Question 1: What advice do you have for singles who desire to be married? Read 1 Corinthians 6:32-34. Are you the person the person you are looking for is looking for? What steps should you take to become this person?

Question 2: I am a Christian dating someone who isn't. I love this person very much. How do we overcome this difference? Read 2 Corinthians 6:14-15. What friction do you see when a Christ follower engages in a relationship with someone who doesn't share the same beliefs or principles, and how could this friction affect your future family?

Question 3: Why shouldn't I live with or have sex with my fiancée before we are married? I feel like because we are engaged, this shows we are already committed to being together forever. In what ways could giving our sexuality away before marriage impact the marital relationship and our relationship with Christ?

Question 4: What boundaries as a couple do you have in place for being on your phones and using social media? How can social media disrupt the marital relationship, and what kind of boundaries do you need to have in place to ensure social media isn't a hindrance?

Question 5: How do you keep the "fire" alive in your marriage? What are the "blind spots" couples miss that lead to a lack of intimacy? What are practical steps you'd like your spouse to take to keep the "fire" alive? What steps should you be taking?

Question 6: How do you compromise on a disagreement or decision that has to be made, but you both have completely opposite views? Read Luke 9:23 & Ephesians 5:21. How can we learn to "deny ourselves?" If you're unable to agree, what non-bias, objective, third-party counsel could help you? If you don't have one, what steps do you need to take to get one?

Question 7: If you have done something wrong to your spouse, do you have to confess the truth to them or can you ask God for forgiveness and move on? Read Proverbs 28:13. In what ways could withholding the truth hurt your marriage or hinder your relationship with Christ?

Question 8: How do I help my spouse trust me again after a porn addiction or cheating? For the offender... What are you doing to show your spouse you're working on it? For the offended... Read 1 Timothy 1:12-17. Because God has unending grace for you, in what practical ways can you extend grace towards your spouse?

Question 9: How do you partner with the church when it comes to parenting? Read Proverbs 22:6. As your children age, what systems, practices, and people are you placing in front of them to help shape the person they become?

Question 10: How do we maintain valuing the marriage relationship as most important while navigating the dynamics of a blended family? Blended families take enormous amounts of patience from both spouses. In what areas could you be extending more grace and patience?

Question 11: As a married couple, what boundaries have you created for your parents and in-laws? Read Genesis 2:24. What boundaries need to be put in place so you can maintain a healthy relationship with the parents/in-laws and each other?

2. After discussing practical ways to improve your marriage, what's one step you plan on taking this coming week to live out "'til death do us part?"