

Four Foundational Laws of Marriage

Genesis 2:24-25



EXERCISE:

1. Put a red dot on each cornerstone of this house.
2. Circle each time you see the word 'Law' below.
3. Note 'Laws' are meant to be (_____). To violate a 'Law' ensures (_____).
4. Fill in the blanks below from each verse.

1. **V.24 The Law of Priority,** (_____)

2. **V.24 The Law of Pursuit,** (_____)

3. **V.24 The Law of Possession,** (_____)

4. **V.25 The Law of Purity,** (_____)

Exercise: As you read each statement below, circle the ones you/spouse are neglecting and violating in your marriage.

V. 24 The Law of Priority, _____

- 'Leave' in Hebrew is "Azab" = To loosen or _____
- To relinquish the _____ of commitment and devotion given to the parents
- Don't stop _____ them, rather release into a lower priority position
- Many problems in marriage are a result of _____ or upside down priorities

V. 24 The Law of Pursuit, _____

- Cleave is to pursue with great _____ Cling to something _____
- Zealously pursue and energetically cling to one another for the rest of your lives.
- Marriage only works when you _____ at it.
- When you stop working at it, it will stop _____ for you.
- Marriage is like _____ in our bodies, when we exercise them regularly our bodies become strong and attractive.

V. 24 The Law of Possession, _____

- Breaking this law innocently or intentionally can be severe if not _____
- Marriage is a complete union which all things previously owned and managed individually are now owned and managed _____
- Anything held outside the union – produces _____
- One flesh involves much more than intimacy...it is the _____ to joint ownership and control
- Anything that is not mutually owned and controlled by both partners will lead to division and problems
- It is surrender to _____ ownership

V. 25 The Law of Purity, _____

- God created marriage in total _____
- Nakedness includes mentally, emotionally, spiritually and _____
- Nakedness means I have _____ of you
- In response to sin in the Garden they tried to _____, cover and accuse the other
- Impurity in any area creates an atmosphere of distrust and _____ sexual intimacy

Regardless of where you are, where you've been, how successful or unsuccessful your marriage is...

- ☐ If you would '_____ ' your marriage
- ☐ If you will '_____ ' at your marriage
- ☐ If you would '_____ ' everything
- ☐ If you would be '_____ ' about your behavior...

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APPLICATION:

1. How many cornerstones does it take to make a firm foundation? _____
2. Which of God's Laws are you neglecting or violating? Explain?
 - ☐ The Law of Priority
 - ☐ The Law of Possession
 - ☐ The Law of Pursuit
 - ☐ The Law of Purity
3. What happens to a marriage when 1 or more laws are being violated?

If your marriage is unraveling and weakened it is because you/spouse are violating God/s intended law in one or more areas.

4. It's time to pray and make your heartfelt confession and repentance. Lastly, write a list of immediate steps needed to begin going God's way – your Biblical Plan of Action.

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