



Building Families of Character **What's the Secret to a Satisfied Marriage?**

Notes:

Quote: "What if God designed marriage to make us _____ more than to make us _____?"

~Gary Thomas

1. What is the purpose of marriage? ~ gotquestions.org
 - a. _____; to raise children, to _____ us, to protect us from _____ immorality, and depict Christ's _____ with the church.

Exchange my Character for God's:

2. Exchange _____ for _____
3. Exchange human _____ for _____ Love

Action Items:

1. I can pray for my husband's _____
 2. I can allow God to change my husband's wife by _____
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Today's MomQ question answer: _____

Small Group Questions:

1. How has your view of contentment in marriage changed after hearing this message?
2. Share an area of pride that has negatively affected your marriage. How can you change this?
3. In what ways can you better love your husband?
4. Give an example of a time when you prayed specifically for your husband or marriage and God answered.

Today's Verses

James 4:6

God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.

Matthew 7:3-5

Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

Philippians 2:3-4

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests but also the interests of others.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

Ecclesiastes 4:12

Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.