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- We need to be wise and diligent to teach our young people PREVENTION.

It is much easier to build a child than to repair an adult!

- It is much easier to make cautious and prudent choices during courting and the early years of marriage than it is to try to pick up the pieces later.



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- IF YOUR MARRIAGE IS TO SUCCEED YOU MUST PLAN TO SUCCEED!
- Advantages and disadvantages of DATING:
 - ✓ Exposes priorities; likes; dislikes
 - ✓ Reveals how a person acts under certain circumstances
 - ✓ Do they respect the law; how do they treat family; selfish; finances; WHAT DO THEY THINK ABOUT THE LORD!!!



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- Biblical precedent for teaching young people
 - Titus 2 (p 1370) Older men and women teaching the young
 - Proverbs 31:1 (p 762) Mothers teaching their sons
 - 2 Samuel 13 (p 363) Finding the right kind of friends
 - 1 Corinthians 15:33 (p 1324) Finding good friends

***DO NOT MARRY AN EXPECTATION, A PROMISE OR
A HOPE! YOU WILL MARRY WHAT YOU SEE!***



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- PARENTS: Have you taught your children about the kind of people they will marry?

Ephesians 6:1-4 (p 1347) is on the FATHERS!

1 Peter 3:7 (p 1392) applies to dating!!



PREDICTORS OF MARITAL SUCCESS

NUMBER ONE

HAD PREMARITAL CONFIDENCE

- Never go to the altar with ANY doubts!

Commit your works to the Lord and your plans will be established.

Proverbs 16:3 (p 742)



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NUMBER TWO

SOUGHT THE SUPPORT OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

- Happy couples understand that one “marries” not only the spouse but the spouse’s family.

Without consultation, plans are frustrated,
but with many counselors they succeed.

Proverbs 15:22 (p 742)

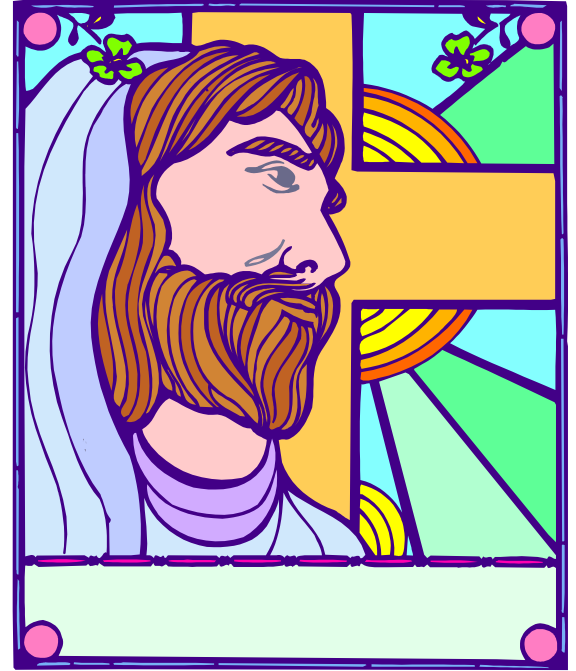


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NUMBER THREE

PRESERVED PURITY UNTIL MARRIAGE

- Do not allow sin to mar your happiness: now and later!



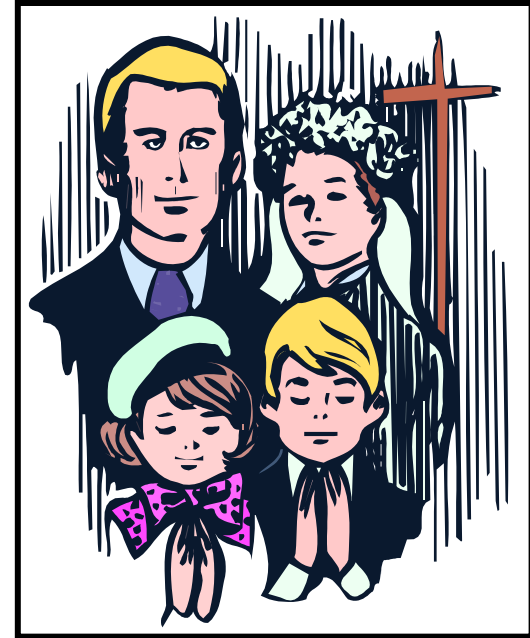
Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge. **Hebrews 13:4 (p 1384)**

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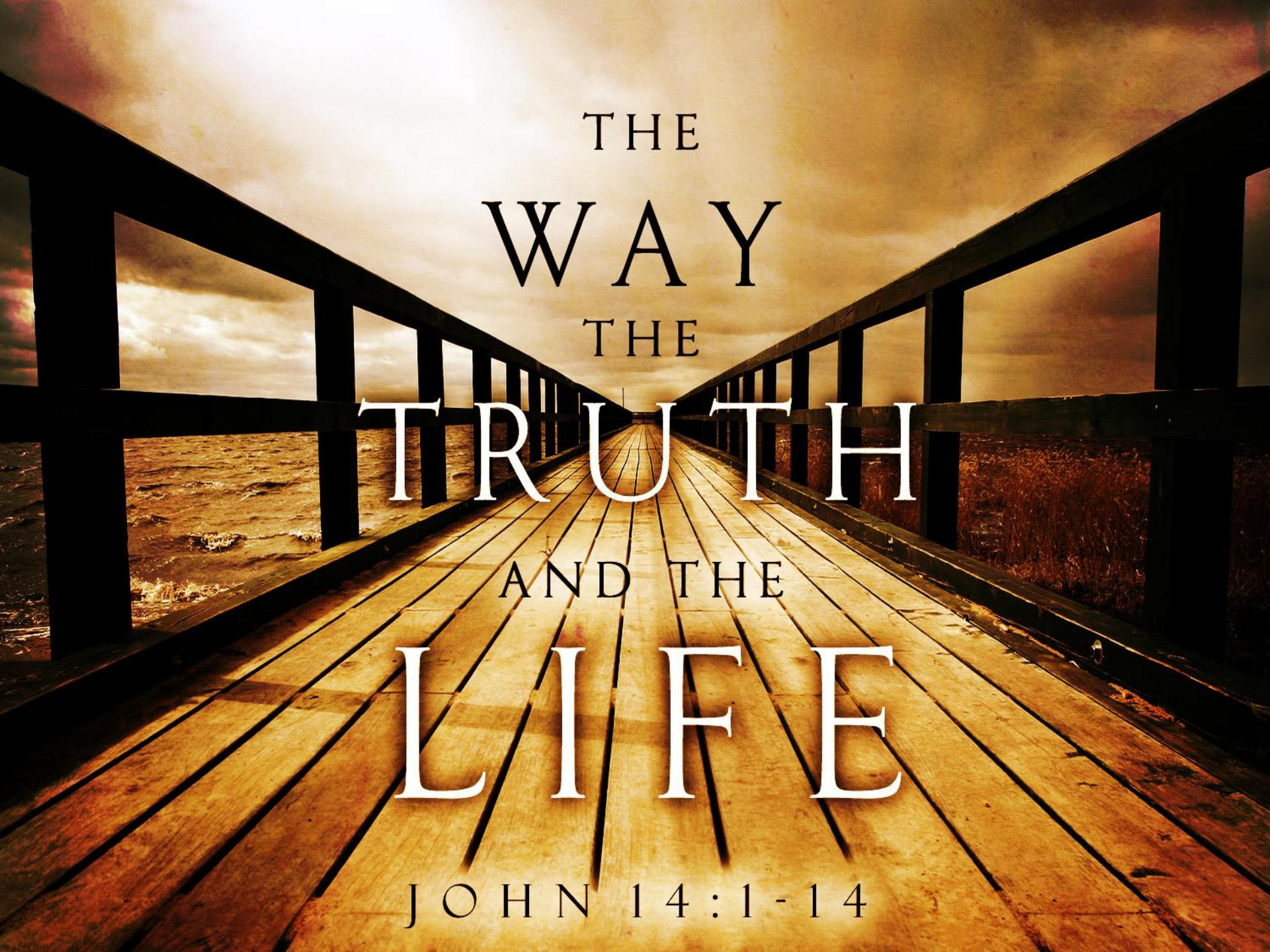
NUMBER FOUR

SHARED VALUES, ESPECIALLY
SHARED FAITH

- Decide you will marry a Christian or you will not marry.



You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way ... show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered. 1 Peter 3:7 (p 1392)



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AND THE
LIFE

JOHN 14:1-14