

## *Rules of Engagement III*

### **Summary Statements to Consider and Apply**

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Proverbs 4:7 (KJV)

*Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.*

1. Take FAITH and its chief characteristic being \_\_\_\_\_ nurture and assimilate its attribute into your attitude so that you might affirm the virtue of faith as a critical part of both your own maturity and decision making. Heb 11:1, 6; 10:38/Rom 14:23/1 John 5:4
2. Be COMMITTED to pursuing a true Knowledge of yourself, your calling, and your offices and roles in life before God, so that you are defined by Him, not others, and that you might be confident in his purposes in your life. Gen 1:26, 29/Ps 8:4-9/Rom 8:28-29/James 1:25
3. Be COMMITTED to the principle of scripture for the design of marriage. Its fivefold positions are truly the way to both serve and support God's cause through you. Gen 2:22-25/Eph 5:25-31/1 Peter 3:1-7/Rev 22:17
4. Be COMMITTED to the HARD but NOBLE tasks of honoring your vows and pledges before God. God does not tolerate presumptuous covenant breakers. 2 Tim 3:1-3/Heb 13:5-4/Ps 50:16-23
5. Be COMMITTED to a CROSS CENTERED, BIBLE BASED, SPIRIT AIDED Life of marriage, which promises success through Grace, to the believer, who wants to mature and be productive for the honor of God and his or her family. John 17:17/Eph 1:7/Phil 2:12-13
6. Be COMMITTED to the POLICY OF ENTHUSIASTIC AGREEMENT, so that in every outcome we both win. This policy only really works where the above are practiced as grounds of confidence for those who understand the blessings of preference. Giving way is for the mature. Rom 12:10
7. Be COMMITTED to PRIORITIZING YOUR SPOUSE as the MOST IMPORTANT PERSON in YOUR LIFE outside of GOD. This will require a Faith Working by Love, practicing the principles of appreciation for the one who God has given you in covenant. Prov 5:14-20

WHAT ABOUT MONEY? – 1 Tim 6:6, 12/Prov 23:4-8; 13:7; 10:22; 28:6, 11/Matt 19:23/  
Ps 49:6; 62:10/Prov 13:8; 22:1, 4/Eccl 5:19; 6:2/Matt 13:22/Luke 16:11

Money as a necessary medium of exchange is unavoidable.

Money as an identity marker for your status is a temptation and sign of an immature faith.

Money addressed, planned for, and wisely used to function, build and serve both God and family can be joyfully accomplished if you commit yourself to the previous virtues of the kingdom.  
Matt 6:33

Money used to further the cause of the Gospel so as to store up riches in heaven for the time to come is great. A sign of faith and maturity in Christ.

Money used to leverage more influence to expand the Kingdom is ideal. The parables...

But Money will be one's biggest snare if the warnings above are slighted.

My final piece of ADVICE- See to it that you find a prudent and biblically based counselor along with developing a solid up-line of persons and couples who can help you navigate the winds of trials and temptations – “In the multitude of counselors there is safety- with good advice plan-fight and win”

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