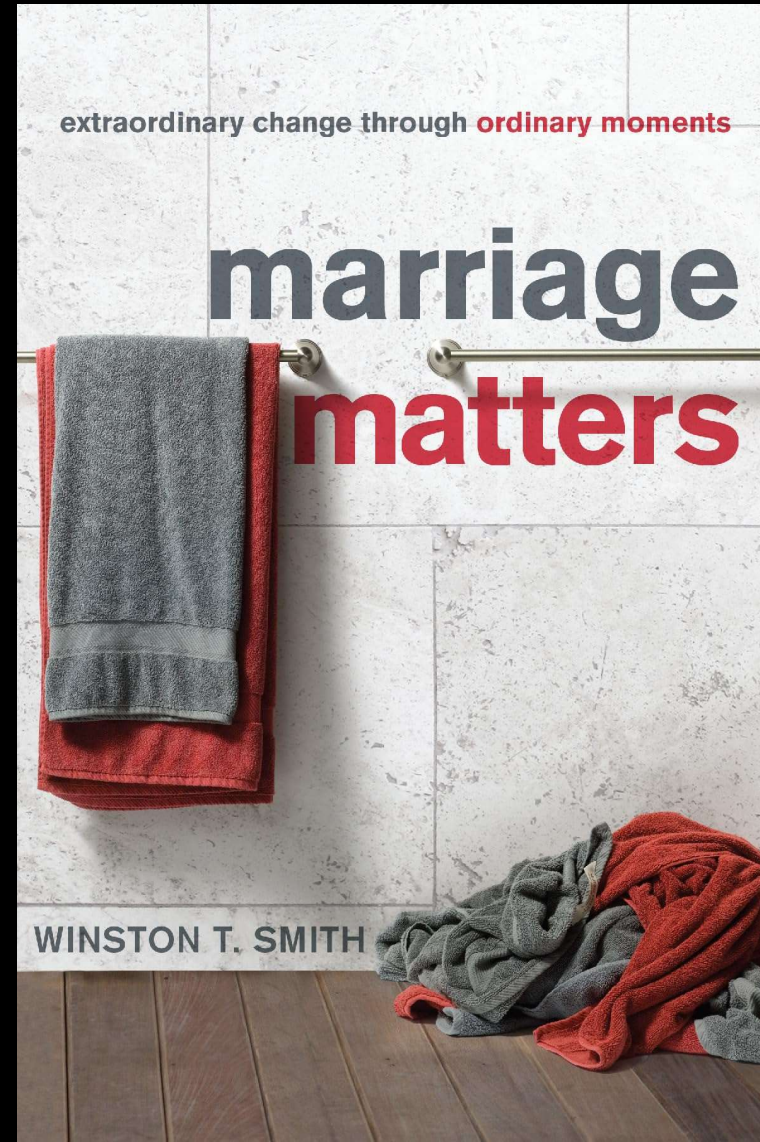
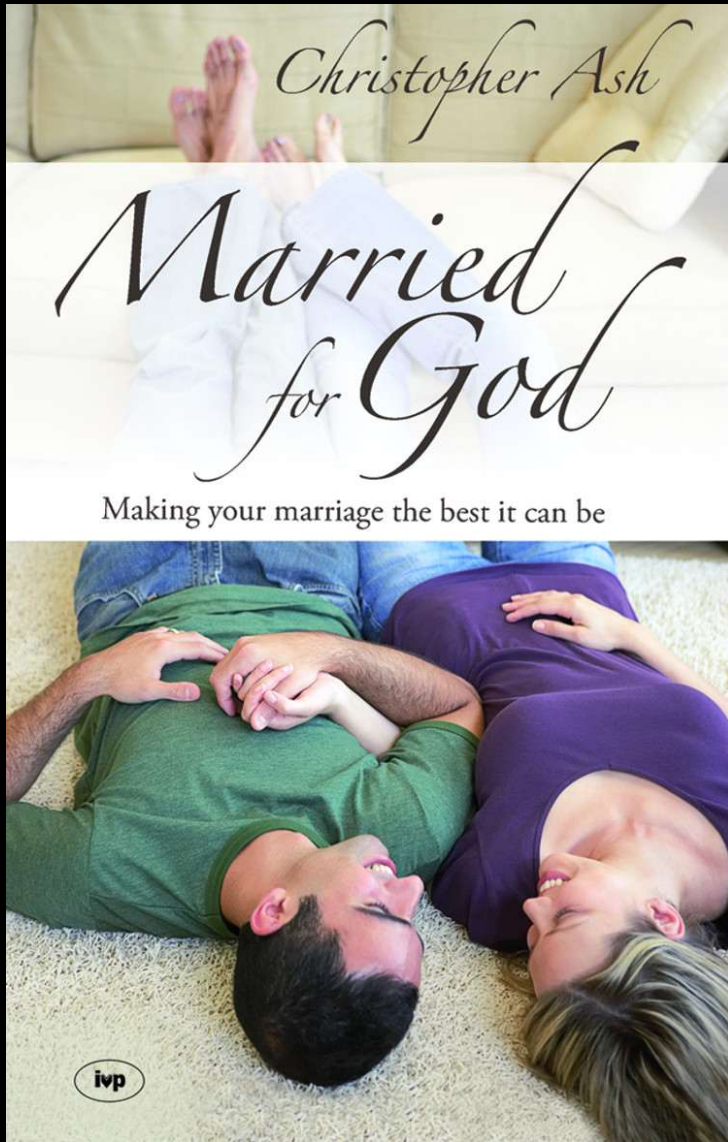


# Wisdom for life: marriage

## Proverbs (various verses)

Slides from John Percival's sermon at the morning service  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026



“This isn’t the race I trained for. This isn’t the race I entered. But, for better or worse, this is the race I’m in.”

Georgene Johnson



# 1. The goodness of marriage

Proverbs 18v22

He who finds a wife finds what is good  
and receives favour from the LORD.

Proverbs 31v12

She brings him good, not harm,  
all the days of her life.

## 2. The guarding of marriage



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- Unfaithfulness
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## Proverbs 5v3

For the lips of the adulterous woman drip honey,  
and her speech is smoother than oil

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  - incredibly attractive
  - incredibly dangerous

Proverbs 5v4

but in the end she is bitter as gall,  
sharp as a double-edged sword.

## Proverbs 5v11-12

At the end of your life you will groan,  
when your flesh and body are spent.  
You will say, “How I hated discipline!  
How my heart spurned correction!”

Proverbs 5v14

And I was soon in serious trouble  
in the assembly of God's people.

## Proverbs 5v21-22

For your ways are in full view of the LORD,  
and he examines all your paths.

The evil deeds of the wicked ensnare them;  
the cords of their sins hold them fast.

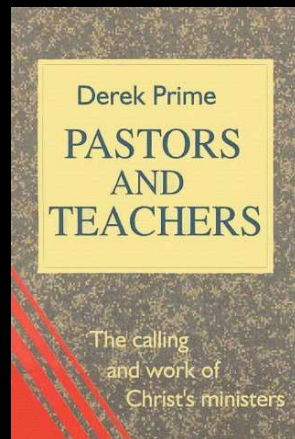
## Proverbs 5v15, 18-19

<sup>15</sup> Drink water from your own cistern,  
running water from your own well...

<sup>18</sup> May your fountain be blessed,  
and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth.

<sup>19</sup> A loving doe, a graceful deer—  
may her breasts satisfy you always,  
may you ever be intoxicated with her love.

“If we are married, our total and uncompromised allegiance is to be to our wife. She must be the sole fountain from which we drink for the fulfilment and satisfaction of our physical and sexual desires – both in thought and physical act. We are to love our wife not only as we did in our youth, but with a growing love.”



Derek Prime

## 2. The guarding of marriage

- Unfaithfulness
  - incredibly attractive
  - incredibly dangerous
- Unkindness

Proverbs 21v9

Better to live on a corner of the roof  
than share a house with a quarrelsome wife.

Proverbs 21v19

Better to live in a desert  
than with a quarrelsome and nagging wife.

### 3. The growth of marriage

## Proverbs 31v28-29

<sup>28</sup> Her children arise and call her blessed;  
her husband also, and he praises her:

<sup>29</sup> “Many women do noble things,  
but you surpass them all.”