

December 13, 2015
Two Ignite Sunday: The Grown Up Marriage
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1. Read the following scriptures and list how we should approach marriage by finishing the following sentence: "It should be _____."

Hebrews 13:4 (**It should be honored**)

Ecc. 9:9 (**It should be enjoyed**)

Genesis 2:4 (**It should be prioritized**).

2. What are the five milestones of adulthood Ted listed?

Leave home.

Finish school or training.

Find full time employment.

Get married.

Start a family.

3. How did your parents encourage or discourage you from creating your own family when you married?

4. How did your spouse propose? If single, how would you like to propose to someone some day, or how would you like for someone to propose to you?

5. When did you decide to start your family? What went into this decision?

6. Ted stated that character creates compatibility. What character trait do you most esteem in your spouse? What character traits do you pray (or did you pray) for the person your children will one day marry?

7. What are the five levels of compatibility Ted listed (having to do with maturity/immaturity)?

We were mature when we married.

We were immature when we married but are growing together.

We were immature when we married. I grew up and my spouse did not.

We were immature when we married. My spouse grew up but I did not.

We were immature when we married and still are.

Is there another? I was mature when we married but my spouse was not.

Which statement describes you?

8. What is one important thing you'd like for your marriage in 2016?

9. Read Phil. 3:13-14. Name one specific thing you need to leave in the past and another specific thing you'd like to strive for in the future.

10. Read I Corinthians 13:11.

*In what way do Christian adults speak like, think like, and reason like a child?

*In Matt. 18:3, Jesus tells us we need to become like little children. Since we aren't to speak, think, or reason like children, what does Matt. 18:3 mean?

*How would your speech change if you matured more?

11. We were encouraged to use the adult pronouns "you and we" instead of the child pronouns "I and me."

*What "we" activities do you and your mate do together (other than sex)?

*Is there any advantage to individual activities? What do you love to do that your mate does not?

12. I Peter 3:1 tells converted wives of unbelievers that by being submissive their husbands might be "won over without talk by the behavior of their wives, when they see the purity and reverence of (their) lives."

Is it possible to draw people to the love of Jesus "without talk"? How have you seen that happen or heard of it happening?