

CHAPLAINS' CORNER

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*Life is God's Gift to You-
WHAT YOU DO WITH IT IS YOUR GIFT TO GOD*

TO THE MARRIED: BE FAITHFUL

The third ingredient of a well-lived life is to be emotionally and physically faithful to your spouse. The Bible explains that it's not a good idea for men to live alone. Scientific studies prove that married men live longer and healthier lives. God created woman to perfectly complement man and be his lifelong companion. God created husbands and wives to enhance and bless each other.

Unfortunately human hearts can wander, forgetting the vows that promised to bond emotionally and physically for life. There is nothing in the marriage contract that allows for a roving eye. We pledge to leave all others and cleave only to our spouse. That means no messing around with anybody else.

The Bible explains; *"You wives must submit to your husbands' leadership in the same way that you submit to the Lord...And you husbands show the same kind of love to your wives as Christ showed to the church when He died for her...For since a man and his wife are now one body, a man is really doing himself a favor when he loves his wife"* (Ephesians 5:22, 25 & 28).

Racers can get so consumed with their racecar that they take their families for granted. Let me tell you, guys, if it weren't for the cooperation of your wife, you wouldn't have a racecar. Most wives could care less about the car. She would rather be shopping or playing with the kids or grandkids. But she puts up with the racecar because she loves you and wants you to be happy.

So wake up guys and get your priorities in order. Next to God, your wife is the most important relationship in your life. Love her and let her know she is loved. Remember that when you love your wife you are loving yourself because she is part of you...Natz.

Wives find that it just comes naturally to follow a man who is following Jesus. His love shows. He grows more tender with each passing day. So, everything Natz said goes double for me. I can attest that a man who puts his wife first is doing himself a big favor, making home life easier on everybody...Elana

We pray that God bless you all as you give each other the gift of marital faithfulness.