

WHAT COVENANT KEYPERS (CK) BELIEVES ABOUT MARRIAGE MINISTRY

Covenant Keepers totally believes that marriage and everything about marriage is spiritual. We also believe that because marriage was created by God He is the authority on marriage!

Marriage is all about Christ and the Church. And although, many have entered into marriage not understanding that it is spiritual, it does not change the fact that it is. In most cases couples do not know God's purpose for marriage and therewith rest a multitude of issues.

Covenant Keepers is a marriage ministry whose goal is to minister to couples from a biblical perspective (whether they are saved, unsaved, or think they are saved). For such a time as this Covenant Keepers can not afford to do otherwise.

Therefore, we are called by God to do Marriage Ministry "intentionally in Jesus Name". The Word of God is the foundation that CK is built on as is modeled in our mentoring, training, counseling, and modeling of marriage.

We understand it is not popular and probably not the preferred method of many today, but it is very effective and has eternal value.

CK is well aware that some marriage experts/teachers believe they can educate and train couples to be successful in their marriages without mentioning the Triune God (the Father, Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit); without mentioning the Bible (actually citing the Bible as the Authority on marriage); and without mentioning man's sinful orientation (identifying us as sinners). However, if that kind of teaching and training results in success (*and we believe it does not*), then CK is convinced that a Christ-centered training approach directed by the Holy Spirit will far exceed all other so-called proclaimed "successes". We believe real success starts with telling the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth so help us God about marriage. For it is biblical truth that instructs, corrects, reproves and trains in righteousness (*II Tim 3:16 KJV*) Notwithstanding, it is God's mandate for teaching and training married couples! How or Why could we not?

Covenant Keepers has found that using this Christ-centered approach does not mean we do not make reference to successful marriage experts and specialists when appropriate to do so. What we have experienced is when Covenant Keepers reaches out to unsaved couples/individuals, those

individuals and couples already understand that CK is coming from a biblical perspective. Therefore, when intentional scripture references and prayers are a part of the presentations, attendees are not surprised or offended. The reason is because we are intentional as well as temperate in our presentations. We are basing our understanding and our knowledge of how to minister based on precepts and examples found in the most practical book in the world (the Bible). When properly handled and appropriately integrated in marriage workshops, seminars, conferences, and counseling, even the unsaved are receptive and motivated.

The person who God calls to this kind of ministry is a person who is gifted to reach all audiences because he/she has been equipped to relate to all people. God calls us to teach, inspire, and love but he is the one who does the reaching.

Marriage Ministry is not just helping people and meeting their needs, it is introducing them to the One who can supply all their needs according to his riches in Glory by Christ Jesus (and he wants them to know who he is). Ministry is doing God's will. And doing his will means doing his work his way according to his Word!

We pray that all will agree that the body of Christ (couples in the church) needs marriage ministry too and that is CK's emphasis. We truly believe that when the church gets it, the world won't be far behind. If my people who are called by my name . . . then I will hear from heaven and heal their land. (II Chronicles 7:14)

God has equipped and called many to do this work and CK is humbled to be a ministry that God is using to minister to couples inside and outside the church!

Rosalyn and I are willing to work with any group that invites us to serve along side them but we pray you understand that we must do marriage ministry from a Christ-centered biblical perspective, we will not compromise. Therefore, we understand that we may not be the marriage ministry for you.

To God be the glory, great things He has done!

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