



Never Give Up

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Introduction:

- Five Commitments
- Opposites ~~attract~~ attack

Some Pharisees came to test Jesus. They asked, "Does the Law allow a man to divorce his wife for any reason at all?" Jesus replied, "Haven't you read that in the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female'? 'That's why a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife. The two will become one.' They are no longer two, but one. So no one should separate what God has joined together." They asked, "Then why did Moses command that a man can give his wife a letter of divorce and send her away?" Jesus replied, "Moses let you divorce your wives because you were stubborn. But it was not this way from the beginning. **Matthew 19:3-8** NIRV

Never Give Up... From This Day Forward

1. Marriage isn't just a _____

- Not a _____
- From the _____

Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not want what belongs to others. It does not brag. It is not proud. It does not dishonor other people. It does not look out for its own interests. It does not easily become angry. It does not keep track of other people's wrongs. Love is not happy with evil. But it is full of joy when the truth is spoken. It always protects. It always trusts. It always hopes. It never gives up. **1 Corinthians 13:4-8** NIRV

2. Tomorrow's _____ is based on today's

- We reap _____ we sow
- We reap _____ we sow

Don't be misled - you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

Galatians 6:7-9 NLT

3. What can I plant today for a harvest in the future in my relationship with _____?

Next Steps:

- I will plant today for a harvest in the future in my relationship with _____
- Commit to loving from my heart and not allow my marriage to be a business relationship
- Be intentional about what and where I sow so that I will reap a harvest that honors God
- Invite a friend to Stepping Stones for Easter
- _____