Keeping the "Lock" in Wedlock

Matthew 19:1-9

Introduction: Divorce is much too prevalent in our society. Many more marriages that stay together are just enduring one another and suffering. This morning we will study to see how each of us can improve our marriages and ensure that they will last and have good quality.

Looking Up

Base your relationship on God, Bring your spouse closer to God.

1 Corinthians 7:14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are holy

1 Peter 3:1-7

Jn 13:35 By this all will know you are My disciples, you have love one another.

Observe

Learn about your spouse, what makes him/her tick?

Proverbs 4:8 Exalt her, and she will promote you; She will bring you honor, when you embrace her.

Solomon 2:15 Catch us the foxes, The little foxes that spoil the vines, For our vines have tender grapes

Ephesians 5:22-33

Commitment

Remember the promise you made to God on your wedding day

Pro 5:18 Let your fountain be blessed, And rejoice with the wife of your youth Matthew 19:9 And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery."

Malachi 2:16 For the Lord God of Israel says That He hates divorce, For it covers one's garment with violence," Says the Lord of hosts. "Therefore take heed to your spirit,

Kindness

 $Always\ look\ for\ what\ is\ good\ and\ be\ polite\ and\ kind$

Pro 21:9, 19 Better to dwell in a corner of a housetop, house shared with a contentious woman...Better to dwell in the wilderness, Than contentious and angry woman

Romans 5:8

1 Corinthians 13