
Marriage in the Kingdom Age

Description

This course will develop your skills and bring out your greater understanding the covenantal significance and power of a marriage in today's Kingdom Age. You will learn how to apply grace as was modeled by the Savior. You will learn to allow God to lead you and your spouse in your decisions in marriage. Working as a team, you and your spouse can use greater Kingdom authority to stand against the enemy. In unity, God moves mightily on the earth through married couples. You will understand more fully the freedom and ignite passion within marriage in accordance with God's way. Overcome any hurts and resentments in your marriage by working through grace-filled processes. This course will motivate and develop your heart for building a Christ-centered marriage.

Course Texts

Kingdom Marriage by Tony Evans

Kingdom Marriage Video Experience DVD and Participant's Guide by Tony Evans

Grace Filled Marriage by Dr. Tim and Darcy Kimmel

Course Objectives

- You will quote the following Scriptures:
 - ✓ Genesis 1:26
 - ✓ Ephesians 1:3
 - ✓ Ephesians 6:12
 - ✓ Ephesians 4:2

- ✓ Ephesians 5:33
 - ✓ 1 Peter 3:6
 - ✓ Psalm 19:14
 - ✓ 2 Corinthians 12:9a
 - ✓ Philippians 2:3-4
 - ✓ 1 Corinthians 7:5
- You will discuss the creation of marriage in the Garden of Eden
 - You will discuss how a covenant marriage covers you and your spouse.
 - You will get a revelation how to energize your marriage.
 - You will work on prioritizing your life within your marriage.
 - You will discover the purpose of grace in your marriage.
 - You will learn the concept of a "Kingdom" marriage for this time on the Earth.
 - You will learn the role and importance of dominion and authority in marriage.
 - You will discuss the 4 keys to Hearing God's voice.
 - You will state how to grow as a Kingdom spouse.
 - You will state the benefits of Christ-centered marriage.
 - You will learn how fasting supports a Kingdom marriage.
 - You will discover the various lens of marriage and how grace is often the missing piece.

Behavioral:

As a result of your application of the truths you learn in this course, you may recognize certain changes taking place in your attitudes, adjusting them to the following:

- You will advance in your understanding of the abundant grace of the Savior Jesus Christ.
- You will begin to identify the power of a grace-filled marriage.

- You will grow in prioritizing your life to spend time with God and to seek His mind, will, and heart for your marriage.
- You will know how to show God's love and grace to your marriage partner.
- You will confidently recognize the power of forgiveness, even unilateral forgiveness, and its power in your marriage.
- You will develop the mindset of focusing on your marriage as part of building the Kingdom.
- You will develop your spiritual senses (eyes and ears of your heart, etc.) as you explore grace in your marriage.
- You will be transformed as you release your marriage to God.

Course Requirements:

NOTE: Save your answers into a digital document to be emailed to your instructor. Use Microsoft Word, Google Docs, any other word processor or even just save it as an email draft or in the Notes application of your mobile device. Handwritten work will not be accepted without prior approval from your instructor.

1. Read the text *Kingdom Marriage* by Tony Evans thoroughly and completely, answering all related exercises. These exercises will be submitted to your instructor at the end of each lesson. You should aim at receiving at least a "B" on your work.
2. Watch the videos *Kingdom Marriage* by Tony Evans thoroughly and completely reading and answering the questions in the **Participant's Guide**. You will submit these to your instructor at the end of each video assignment. You should aim at receiving at least a "B" on your work.
3. You will keep a journal and pray on the topics from each lesson. Share samples from your journal by writing a 1-2 page paper of how prayer and the journaling process has helped you in building your marriage.

4. Read the text **Grace Filled Marriage** by Tim Kimmel, answering all related questions after each chapter found here in the syllabus or as designated from the study guide found at the end of the text. Answering all questions after each chapter are practical questions that should be applied to your life.
5. Final paper: Write a paper discussing how your life has been impacted through the course. How has the course enhanced your knowledge of marriage? What new revelation on marriage did you receive through the course? What did God tell you in your journaling about your spouse and your marriage? This paper is to be a minimum of three to four typewritten pages and is due in Lesson 12. You must receive at least a “B” on this paper. This report will be submitted to your instructor at the end of Lesson 12.

Standards for Grading Assignments

As indicated below, “C” or 2.0 level work is considered average. **Leaders are not average people.** You are therefore expected (required) to put forth the effort necessary to demonstrate at least “B” (3.0) level work or higher on all assignments which you submit. Any which do not will be returned to you with input from your instructor on how you can raise your grade to the expected level. **A course grade will not be given until your assignments demonstrate that you have understood the material presented in the course and allowed your life to be transformed by the Spirit and the Word studied** — the requirements for attaining a “B”.

Your individual assignments (notebooks, tests, reports) will be graded according to the following standards. These grades will be averaged together to determine your course grade. Remember, we are training leaders and leaders are above-average people. Your work will reflect that.

- “D”
 - Indicates barely passing work that is inferior to the average both in quantity and in quality.
 - Manifests a lack of initiative or sense of responsibility or both.
- “C”
 - Average work; either steady work of an acceptable quality, or work of a high quality which is uneven, irregular or fragmentary.
 - May be mechanically or outwardly correct but shows little reflection upon or personal assimilation of the material.
- “B”
 - Intelligently has fulfilled the requirements of this course.
 - Understands the subject matter presented and has applied it to his life in a limited manner but has not really made the truths his own.
- “A”
 - Grasped the material with thoroughness, industry and correctness of detail.
 - Made the material his own by thinking about it and integrating it, using originality, natural ability, and insight.

Lesson One

Assignment to be completed:

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Read Chapters 1 and 2 of **Kingdom Marriage** by Tony Evans. Complete the exercises for Lesson One found here in your Student Syllabus.

Watch the first video of **Kingdom Marriage** by Tony Evans, "*Finding God's Purpose in Your Marriage*", and complete the questions in the Participant's Guide. Submit them to your instructor.

Memorize Genesis 1:26.

Start your prayer journal. Pray about the topics explored in this lesson and journal what the Lord reveals to you through prayer.

Complete and correct Self-Test One.

Subjects to be explored:

God's release of dominion to man

Kingdom purpose for marriage

Marriage as a sacred covenant

Related objectives:

- You will quote Genesis 1:26. (“And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.”)
- You will define "Kingdom Marriage."
- You will define the purpose for marriage.
- You will explain the difference between human reasoning and revelation.
- You will list six problem areas satan uses to destroy marriages.
- You will state what is meant that God made man a "little lower than the angels" and how that relates to marriage.
- You will state the 4 Keys to Hearing God's voice.

Exercises

1. In your own words explain the 4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice.
2. Name three conventional institutions that are accountable to God and how.
3. Complete the sentence: "Marriage came before _____."
4. Explain the author's perspective about how God created marriage as a mirror of Him (God).
5. Complete the sentence: "Frequently, the ____ - _____ of a marriage is determined by whether a ____ and a _____ are reflecting _____ image in their individual _____."
6. Explain the paradox of marriage as a social contract and a covenant commitment.

Self-Test

NOTE: *These Self-Tests are designed to clarify and reinforce the lesson objectives. They may be done with open book, if necessary.*

1. Define "Kingdom Marriage" according to Tony Evans.

2. What is the difference between "human reasoning" and "revelation?"

3. Name four ways our perspective on marriage is influenced:
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.

4. Complete this sentence: When you treat your marriage as a _____ with God, everything else, including _____, _____, and _____, will fall into place.

5. As "managers" of the earth, provide two examples of what God has given us to do in the cosmic battle here upon the earth.
 - a.
 - b.

6. Write out Genesis 1:26: "And God said, let us _____

_____."

Answers to Self-Test

1. "Kingdom marriage is a covenanted union between a man and a woman who commit themselves to function in unison under divine authority in order to replicate God's image and expand His rule in the world through both their individual and joint callings."
2. Human reasoning is when we must figure out good and evil on our own. Revelation is what is revealed to us by God.
3. Name three ways our marriage perspectives are influenced: **the homes we grew up in, people we know who are as miserable as we are, what the media says about it, or the environment in which we live.**
4. Complete this sentence: When you treat your marriage as a covenant with God, everything else, including happiness, love, and satisfaction, will fall into place.
5. As "managers" of the earth, God has given us charge to manifest God's rule in history for the advancement of His kingdom and to reflect His glory.
6. Write out Genesis 1:26: "Then God said, '**Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.**'"