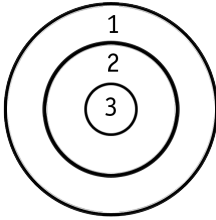


Series: Before And After You Say "I Do"
Message: Avoiding The Fatal Attraction, part 2
Scripture: 2 Peter 1:1-11
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REVIEW:

1. The Typical American Couple Builds Their Relationship Upon A Fatal Attraction.



2. The Greatest Hope For A Christian Couple Is To Build Their Relationship Upon A Spiritual Attraction. II Peter 1:2-8

2.1 A Spouse With A Supernatural Salvation. vs. 2-4

2 Peter 1:2-4

2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;

3 seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

4 For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

- A Divine Call (vs. 3)
- A Divine Nature (vs. 4)
- A Divine Power (vs. 3)

2 Corinthians 5:17

17 Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

2.2 A Spouse With A God-Honoring Life. vs. 5-7

2 Peter 1:5-7

5 Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge;

6 and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness;

7 and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love.

- Faith
- Moral Excellence
- Knowledge
- Self-Control
- Perseverance
- Godliness
- Brotherly Kindness
- Love

2 Peter 1:8

8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEK:

A word for marrieds:

A word for parents/grandparents:

1. Model the priority of spirituality over beauty or personality.

2. Agree early in your child's life to play a significant role in their choice of a spouse.

3. Pray for your kids/grandkids future spouses.

A word to singles:

1. Develop a spiritual attraction in your life.

2. If involved with someone who is not a potential million dollar mate, break it off!



3. If dating someone who is a potential million dollar mate, make edification your ultimate goal.

4. Pray daily for your future spouse.

5. Ask someone whom you respect to serve as your counselor to ratify your choice of a marriage partner.

6. Set personal standards high enough to protect yourself.

Elisabeth Elliot

"Will the young woman find a mate? Will the couple have a child? Maybe this year will be the year of desire fulfilled. Perhaps, on the other hand, it will be the year of desire radically transformed, the year of finding, as we have perhaps not yet truly found, Christ to be the All-Sufficient One, Christ the deep sweet well of Love."