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Faith @ Home

And the Spirit makes it possible to submit humbly to one another out of respect for Christ. ²² *Wives, it should be no different with your husbands. Submit to them as you do to the Lord,* ²³ *for God has given husbands a sacred duty to lead as the Christ leads the church and serves as the head. (The church is His body; He is her Savior.)* ²⁴ *So wives should submit to their husbands, respectfully, in all things, just as the church yields to Christ.*

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²⁵⁻²⁶ Husbands, you must love your wives so *deeply, purely, and sacrificially that we can understand it only when we compare it to the love that Christ has for His bride, the church. We know* He gave Himself up completely to make her His own, washing her clean of all her impurity with water and *the powerful presence of His word.* ²⁷ *He has given Himself* so that He can present the church as His radiant bride, unstained, unwrinkled, and unblemished—*completely free from all impurity*—holy and innocent before Him.

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²⁸ So husbands should care for their wives *as if their lives depended on it*, the same way they care for their own bodies. As you love her, you ultimately are loving *part of yourself (remember, you are one flesh)*. ²⁹ No one really hates his own body; he takes care to feed and love it, just as Christ takes care of His church, ³⁰ because we are *living* members of His body.

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³¹ "And this is the reason a man leaves his father and his mother and is united with his wife; the two come together as one flesh." ³² There is a great mystery *reflected* in this *Scripture*, and I say that it has to do with *the marriage of Christ and the church*. ³³ Nevertheless, each husband is to love *and protect* his own wife as if she were his very heart, and each wife is to respect her own husband.

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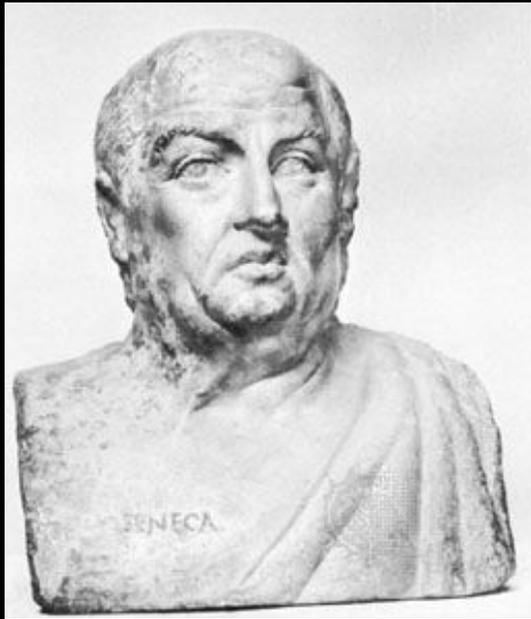
...your desire shall be for your husband
and he shall rule over you.

Genesis 3:16



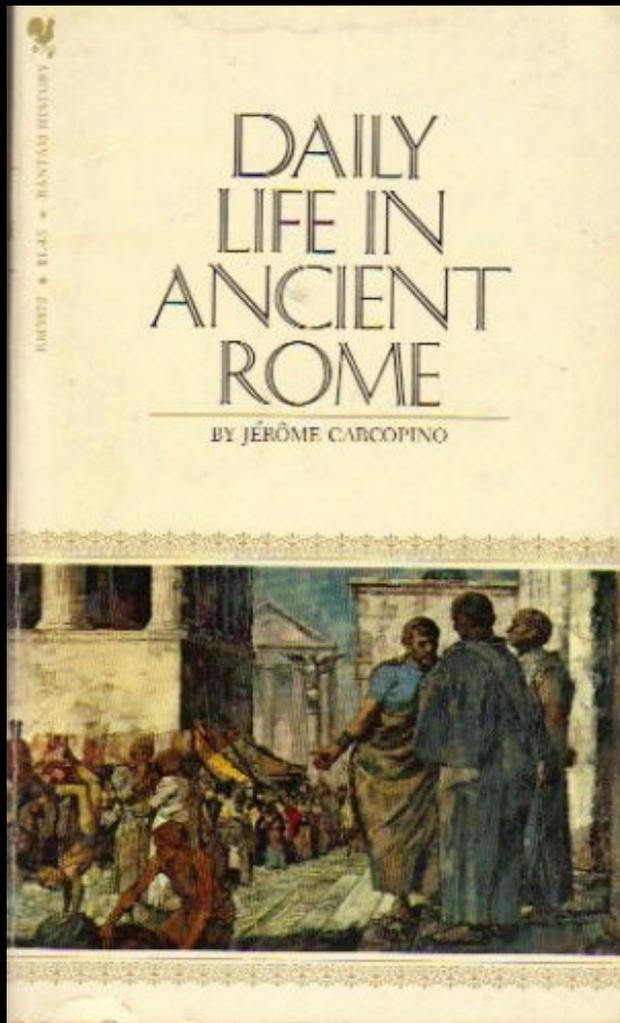
"God, I thank you that you have not made me a Gentile, a slave, or a woman."



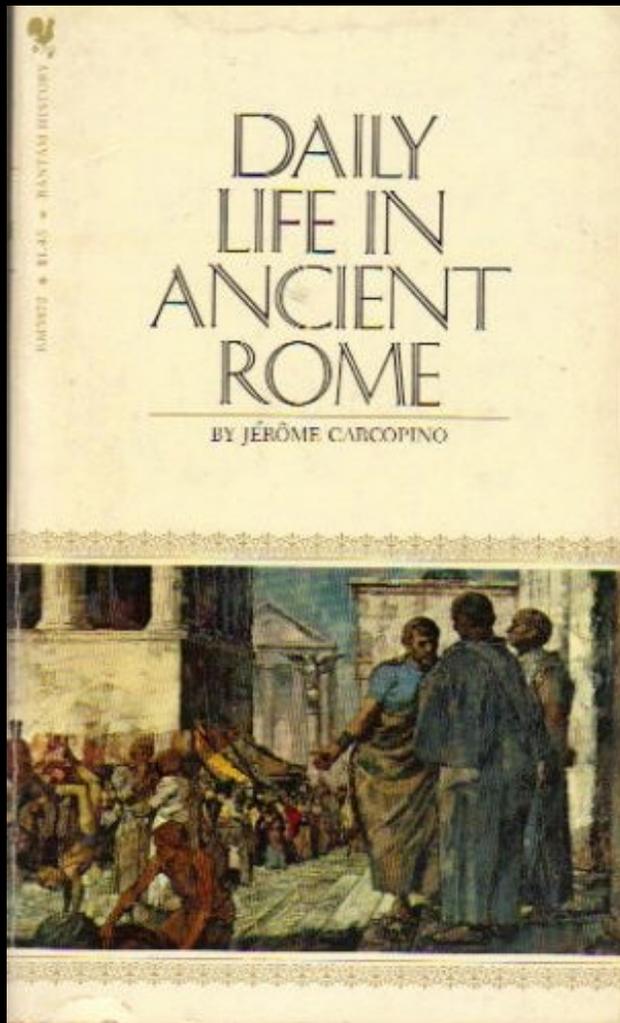


Seneca 4BC-65AD
Roman Philosopher

“Women were married to be divorced
and divorced to be married.”



One women who
married her
23rd husband and
she was his 21st wife.



"We agreed long ago, says one lady to her husband, that you are to go your way and I mine. You may confound sea and sky with your bellowing, but I am a human being after all."

"... be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ."

Ephesians 5:18-21

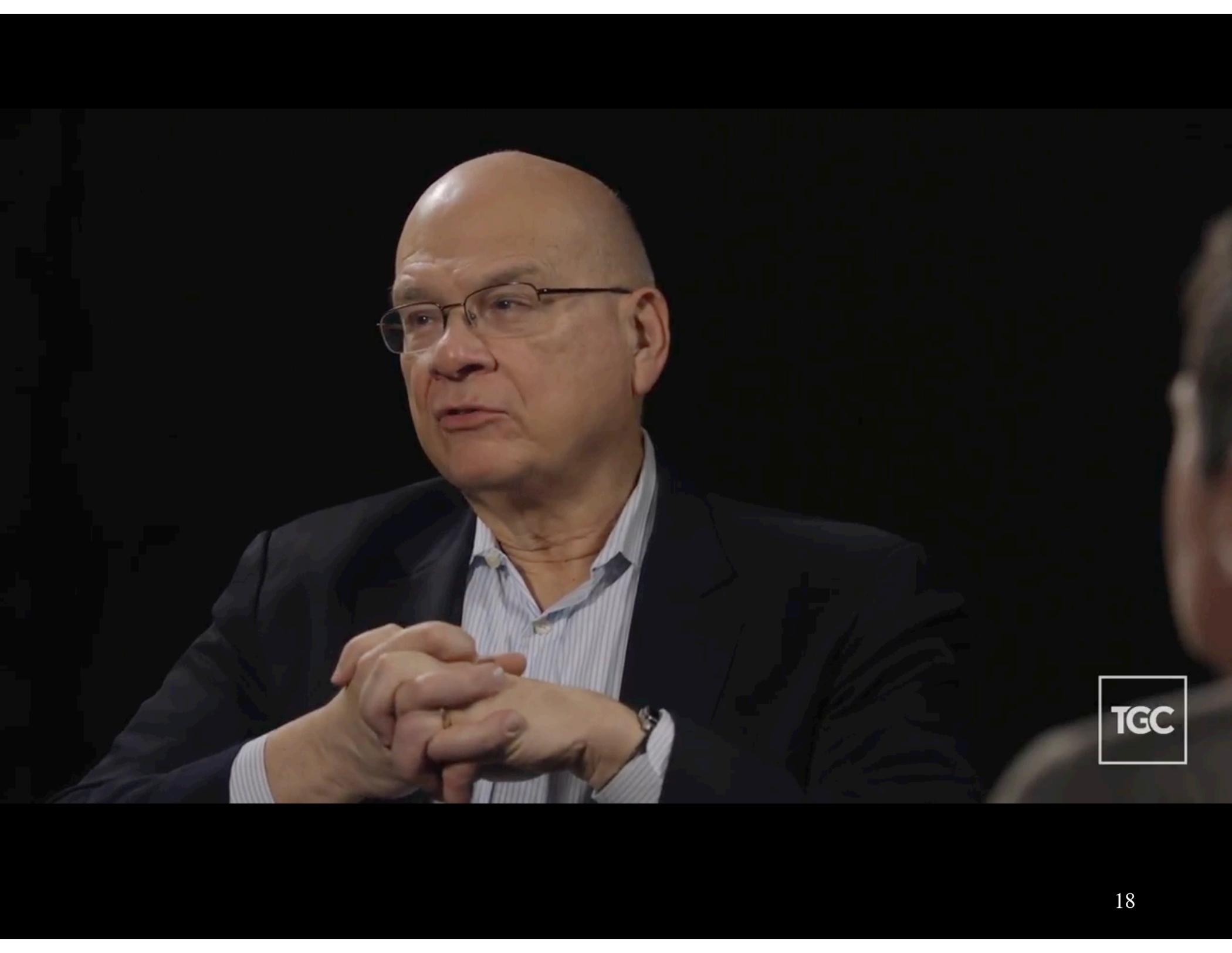
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Colossians 3:16,17

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.





25 Husbands, love your wives, just as
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28...husbands ought to love their wives as
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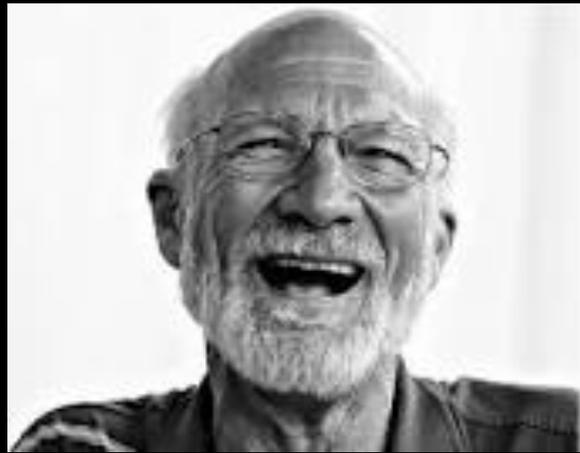
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"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her ... radiant ... without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless."

Ephesians 5: 25-28

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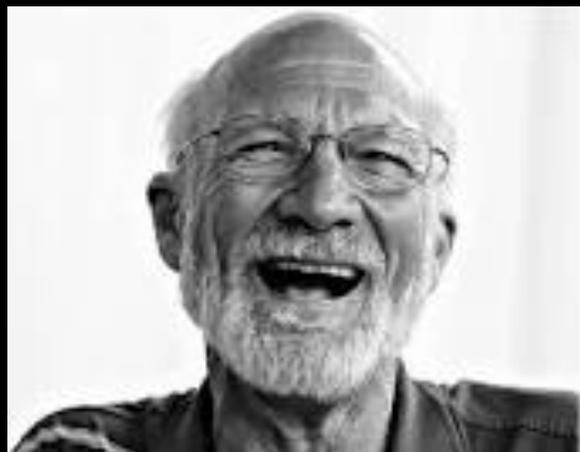
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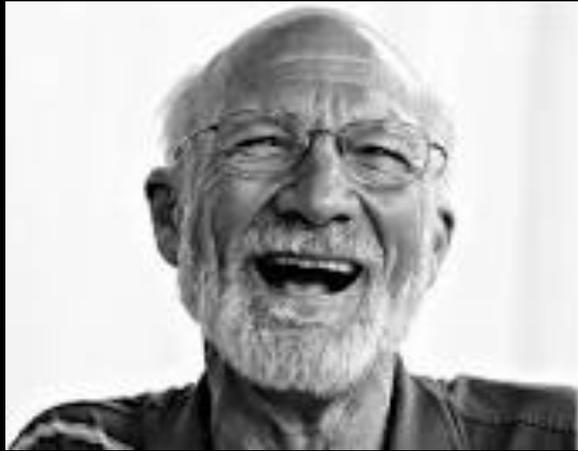
“Destructive to marriage is the self-fulfillment ethic that assumes marriage and the family are primarily institutions of personal fulfillment, necessary for us to become ‘whole’ and happy.”



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“The assumption is that there is someone just right for us to marry and that if we look closely enough we will find the right person.”

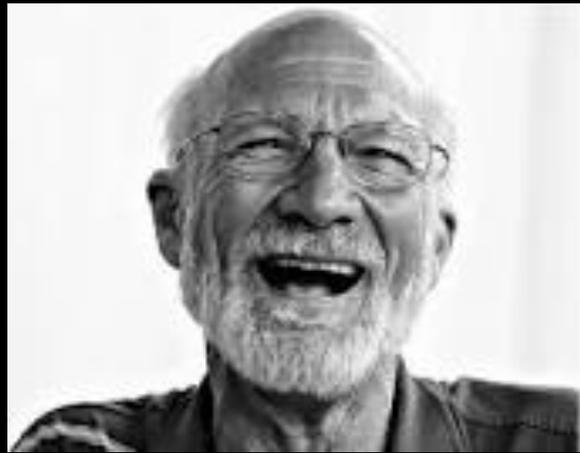


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“This moral assumption overlooks a crucial aspect to marriage. It fails to appreciate the fact that we always marry the wrong person.

We never know whom we marry; we just think we do. Or even if we first marry the right person, just give it a while and he or she will change.”



Stanley Hauerwas

Theologian

“For marriage, [being the enormous thing it is] means we are not the same person after we have entered it. The primary challenge of marriage is learning how to love and care for the stranger to whom you find yourself married.”

“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”³² This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. Ephesians 5:31,32

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All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.⁴ Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.⁵ God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 1:3-5



"Unless you understand the fact that the real marriage is a relationship with Christ, unless you see even the best possible marriages can never satisfy, you'll always be demanding more out of your spouse than that person can ever possibly give. That person is a sinner, and that person is just as upset with you. If you don't see that marriage is penultimate (next to most important)... that it's relative ... you'll make an idol out of marriage.

Pastor Tim Keller



Philippians 4:13

I can do all this through Christ, who gives me strength.



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