



Family Dragons ^{part 2}

Defeating the Fire-breathing Marriage



1. Husbands, Love _____

Colossians 3:18-21

¹⁸ *Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.*

¹⁹ **Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.**

²⁰ *Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. ²¹ Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged. (NIV)*

2. Love _____

3. Love _____

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. Describe the difference between possessing authority and being authoritarian.

Describe the leadership of someone you know who is effective in leading, while consistently doing so with kindness and humility.

2. If you are a married man, in what specific ways do you sense you could provide more loving leadership in your marriage?

What "personal costs" will be involved in doing so?

Write out a prayer that reflects your willingness to graciously pay the price involved.

3. How often would you say you respond in anger toward your spouse?

What negative effects do you think these outbursts of anger have on your family?

4. To whom will you be accountable and what method of accountability will you use to ensure that you are not harsh with your spouse?

Read through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.

Sunday

Song.3-4 & Ps.141-143

Monday

Song.5-6 & Ps.144-145

Tuesday

Song.7-8 & Ps.146-147

Wednesday

Is.1-2 & Ps.148-150

Thursday

Is.3-4 & 1Cor.1

Friday

Is.5-6 & 1Cor.2

Saturday

Is.7-8 & 1Cor.3

Men, here are a few practical resources which may prove helpful in becoming the husband God wants you to be.

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Getz, Gene A. **The Measure of a Man: 20 Attributes of a Godly Man.** Ventura: Gospel Light Publications, 1997.

Sande, Ken. **The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflicts.** Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1997.

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