



Secrets to a Successful Marriage

Principle number Eleven

God's word is the Truth

James 1:22-25 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was, but he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

God's word is truth. It reveals spiritual principles and laws that directly govern our lives. God's word is the standard that we strive to live by. When we look into the word of God and hear what it is saying to us, and then close the book, and do not do what it says, we are only deceiving ourselves. But when we look into the perfect law of liberty, and do what it says, we will be blessed. God's word gives much instruction on marriage, if we will do what it says, we will be blessed, if we do not do what it says, we are deceived.

For example God's word instructs us to always forgive those who wrong us. If we forgive God will heal us of the hurts. If we look into the mirror of God's word that tells us to forgive and then walk away and forget to forgive we have deceived ourselves. Our hurts will not be healed and we will become bitter and full of resentment. All these principles I am sharing with you are coming out of the mirror of God's word. The value that you place on God's word is the effect it will have in your life and marriage. If you are wise you will hear them and then obey them. If you are foolish you will hear them and forget to do them. You will be deceived and it will not go well with you or with your marriage. There are hundreds of wonderful truths in the Bible that give life giving instructions to us and for our marriages. I hope you will search the scriptures for yourself and then do what they say, so that, you can have a wonderful life and marriage.

A Time to Reflect

1. Do you look into the mirror of God's word for your instruction in life and marriage?
2. Have you forgotten to do what the word of God says to do?
3. Do you place value on God's word?
4. Will you make a commitment to do what the word of God says?
5. Will you make a commitment to look into the mirror of God's word daily?