

Book Recommendations from Pastor Steve

From This Day Forward
By Craig and Amy Groeschel

The Meaning of Marriage
By Tim Keller

Quotes used in 2/15 sermon

Here's a very simple principle you can take to the bank: It doesn't matter what you want; like attracts like. If you hope to have a godly marriage one day, you need to live a godly life today. Be the kind of person you would like to marry. If you want a spouse who's sold out to Christ, then you need to devote yourself to Christ. If you want someone who seeks God daily in every area of their life, then you need to pursue God daily.

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Our marriages will never be what God wants them to be unless we make him our One and we make our spouse our two. Unfortunately, a lot of us get those mixed up. Some people try to make their spouses the One. "I made you my everything. It's all on you now: make me happy!"

When you try to make your spouse the One, you're putting undue pressure on them. In fact, we have a word for when you raise another human being to that lofty position: Idolatry. The truth is no person could ever be capable of meeting your needs. When you idolize someone and then they let you down – which is inevitable, because every human makes mistakes and every human sins – then you're going to end up demonizing them.

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