



“Tell me what you think of this story: A man had two sons. He went up to the first and said, ‘Son, go out for the day and work in the vineyard.’  
 “The son answered, ‘I don’t want to.’  
 Later on he thought better of it and went.  
 “The father gave the same command to the second son. He answered, ‘Sure, glad to.’  
 But he never went.  
 “Which of the two sons did what the father asked?”  
 They said, “The first.”

Matthew 21:28-31

## “Family Matters”

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**Beloved**, since God loved us so much, we also ought to **love** one another. **Love** is to will the **good** of the other.

**Wise** people receive truth gladly, **respond** and **change**. Choose them.

**Foolish** people need **limits** and **consequences**. Set and hold **boundaries**.

**Evil** people intend **harm** or **bad** for others. Limit your \_\_\_\_\_.

**Research Suggests:** Married people have better \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and even better \_\_\_\_\_ lives than their single counterparts.

If you want to stay married, get married between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, have a job, a college degree, and no kids or pregnancies before engagement.

Devout people of \_\_\_\_\_ get divorced slightly less often than people for whom faith is not a big deal.

The arrival and departure of \_\_\_\_\_ are pressure points.

Parents are spending \_\_\_\_\_ time with their children than parents with equivalent resources did decades ago.

**Do:** Figure out what specifically makes your partner feel \_\_\_\_\_.

Apologize and \_\_\_\_\_.

Take time for \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ your partner’s positive. Celebrate their success.

Say \_\_\_\_\_ you. (You are almost twice as likely to stay together.)

**Don’t:** Mix \_\_\_\_\_. Take a walk without talking **logistics**.

Make derogatory remarks about a partner’s desirability or earning power. \_\_\_\_\_!

**The Bible Teaches:** Joshua 24:15

We can’t control other people’s \_\_\_\_\_. We can control our response.

Not everyone you meet is nice and \_\_\_\_\_. Matthew 7:12, 15-17

Don’t fall for \_\_\_\_\_ or title. What do they \_\_\_\_\_? Matthew 21:28-32

The fruit of the Spirit is \_\_\_\_\_ - control not \_\_\_\_\_ control. Galatians 5  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and differentiation from parents is God’s good plan. Genesis 2:24



**Forgiveness** has to do with the **past** and it is **free**.

**Trust** has to do with the **future** and it is **earned**. - Dr. Henry Cloud

**Action Steps:** We have all \_\_\_\_\_ boundaries of those around us. Consider how you have \_\_\_\_\_ those most important to you and ask God to show you how you can make amends.