

“Help, My Marriage Is Under Attack!

Text: Galatians 5:16-17, 22-26 (p.946)

Sometimes life feels like you are trying to keep a dozen balls spinning all the time, and at any given moment, it feels like some of them will spin out of control and fall away. It is EXHAUSTING!!!

Today, as we continue in this Sermon Series on Marriage, we are beginning to look at *the Seven Threats to Oneness and Intimacy*.

1. _____.

2. _____.

- We _____ the amount of energy needed to keep things spinning.
- We get “sucker-punched” by _____.
- Different _____
 - _____ is NOT always a “dirty word.”

3. _____.

Dennis Rainey gives us four reasons it will never work:

- 1) Acceptance is based on _____.
- 2) Giving is based on _____.
- 3) Motivation for action is based upon how each spouse _____.
- 4) Each spouse has a tendency to focus on the _____ of the other. – Ibid., p. 51

4. _____.

- Lessons from a three-legged race.
- A culture of selfishness.
- This is probably the biggest threat to marriage!

FOCUS: Only a Spiritual REVOLUTION in YOU can save your marriage!

1. You Will Either Live By the _____ Or _____. – vs. 16

2. Your Sinful Nature Desires What Is _____ to the Spirit. – vs. 17

3. You Must Win the _____. – vs. 17

4. You Will Only Enjoy the Fruit of the Spirit In Your Life and In Your Marriage When You Have _____!
– Vs. 22-24

5. Even Then, You Must _____ With the Spirit. – vs. 25

Things To Consider Yourself and then Share With Your Spouse:

1. How are you and your spouse doing in the “three-legged race” called marriage? Are you running together – in the same direction?
2. How seriously does selfishness threaten your oneness?
3. How much do you depend on each other: Think of some specific examples.