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SOS312 Marriage and Family

Mission Statement

CST is committed to connect, serve, and train for Pentecostal ministry, leadership, and missions throughout the world.

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Course Description

This is a practical survey of marriage and the family from A to Z . After a brief overview, the study focuses on such matters as: ways to choose a mate, guidelines for the engagement and wedding, communication principles, sexual fulfillment, making decisions, how to be a good spouse and parent, tough issues, and the final years.

Course Goals

Chapter 1: Give an overview of marriage: its beginning, order, pattern, purposes, and stages.

Chapter 2: Analyze three ways of choosing a mate and the roles of love, friendship, and sexual purity in the process.

Chapter 3: Describe the engagement period and wedding. Comment on local customs, a wedding helper, laws, finances, sexual issues, and social matters.

Chapter 4: Explain communication principles related to listening, the role of feelings, avoiding common mistakes of men and women, and conflict.

Chapter 5: Summarize keys to a fulfilling sexual relationship in marriage.

Chapter 6: Identify principles for making good decisions about family matters.

Chapter 7: Explain how a husband should relate to his wife, children, extended family, and work.

Chapter 8: Explain how a wife should relate to her husband, children, extended family, and community.

Chapter 9: Examine principles for parents to practice in relation to the mental and physical growth of children.

Chapter 10: Summarize principles for parents to practice in relation to the spiritual, emotional, and social growth of children.

Chapter 11: Describe how a family can overcome the threats of distance, adultery, abuse, and addiction.

Chapter 12: Analyze how to deal with the tough family issues of grief and rebellion.

Chapter 13: Explain the way relationships change as children mature. Include comments on the empty nest and grandparents.

Bible quotations

These are usually from the New International Version (NIV) . We also use the New Century Version (NCV), New American Standard Bible (NASB), and the King James Version (KJV). We encourage students to compare biblical passages in several versions of the Bible.

Required Textbooks

The New International Version of the Bible (NIV)

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Course Procedures

Classroom lectures, group discussion, audio-visual presentations, handouts, and case studies constitute some of the various methods that will be utilized in order to attain the course objectives.

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