**Marriage - Ponderings**

**And Ruth said to her,**

**"Far be it from me to return from following after you, and to leave you; for where you go, I will go; and where you dwell, I will dwell;**

**your people shall be my people, and your God my God.**

**Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried;**

**may the Lord do so to me, and more also,**

**if even death can separate me from you."**

***(Ruth 1:16-17)***

**One of the important things about marriage is to be accepted. Love is the basis of marriage, but there are many married people who have never felt accepted. Marriage is not a reformatory, and spouses need to reach out to each other without criticism or reservations. To live with a wife or a husband who does not accept you is a dark valley to walk through. *(Charles L. Allen, in Victory in the Valleys of Life)***

**People do not marry people, not real ones anyway; they marry what they think the person is; they marry illusions and images. The exciting adventure of marriage is finding out who the partner really is. *(James L. Framo, in Explorations in Marital & Family Therapy)***

**A marriage without conflicts is almost as inconceivable as a nation without crises. *(Andre Maurois, in The Art of Living)***

**Marriage is a covered dish. *(Swiss proverb)***

**The concept of two people living together for 25 years without having a cross word suggests a lack of spirit only to be admired in sheep. *(A. P. Herbert William)***

**Love is blind -- marriage is the eye-opener. *(Pauline Thomason)***

**Before you marry, keep your two eyes open; after you marry, shut one. *(Jamaican proverb)***

**A successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same person. *(Mignon McLaughlin, in The Atlantic)***

**A wife is to thank God her husband has faults; a husband without faults is a dangerous observer. *(Sir George Savile)***

**Marriage was probably the first union to defy management. *(Charles Ruffing, in The Saturday Evening Post)***

**The formula for a happy marriage? It’s the same as the one for living in California: when you find a fault, don’t dwell on it. *(Jay Trachman, in One to One)***

**Marriage is an unusual gamble. Both partners win or nobody does. *(Quoted in Grit)***

**A good marriage is that in which each appoints the other guardian of his solitude. *(Rainer Maria Rilke, German poet)***

**To catch a husband is an art; to hold him is a job. *(Simone de Beauvoir)***

**An ideal wife is one who remains faithful to you but tries to be just as charming as if she weren’t. *(Sacha Guitry, Russian playwright)***

**Marriage always demands the finest arts of insincerity possible between two human beings. *(Vicki Baum, Austrian-born author)***

**Marriage is insurance for the worst years of your life. During your best years you don't need a husband. *(Helen Gurley Brown)***

**A happy marriage is a long conversation that always seems too short. *(Andre Maurois, in Memoires)***

**Even if marriages are made in heaven, man has to be responsible for the maintenance. *(John Graham, in Alma, Georgia, Times)***

**Many a man in love with a dimple makes the mistake of marrying the whole girl. *(Stephen Leacock)***

**Never marry for money. Ye'll borrow it cheaper. *(Scottish proverb)***

**Marriage must constantly fight against a monster which devours everything: Routine. *(Honore de Balzac)***

**Think of your ancestors and your posterity, and you will never marry. *(Ethel Mumford)***

**In a successful marriage, there is no such thing as one's way. There is only the way of both, only the bumpy, dusty, difficult, but always mutual path. *(Phyllis McGinley, in The Province of the Heart)***

**Human beings do not obtain permanent possession of each other when they marry. All they obtain is the right to work at the job of holding onto each other. *(Jerome Weidman)***

**Whoever thinks marriage is a 50-50 proposition doesn’t know the half of it. *(Franklin P. Jones, in Quote)***

**If you made a list of reasons why any couple got married, and another list of the reasons for their divorce, you’d have a lot of overlapping. *(Mignon McLaughlin, in The Neurotic’s Notebook)***

**Something else every young couple should save for their old age is marriage. *(Sam Ewing)***

**More marriages might survive if the partners realized that sometimes the better comes after the worse. *(Doug Larson, United Feature Syndicate)***

**Marriage teaches you loyalty, forbearance, self-restraint, meekness and a great many other things you wouldn’t need if you had stayed single. *(Jimmy Townsend, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Many a marriage turns into a triangle because someone didn't know where to draw the line. *(Hal Boyle)***

**An unhappy marriage is when the “my's” have it. *(James Rhodes)***

**Our concept of marriage is so unrealistic. Too many people spend all the time getting ready for the wedding and none for the marriage. *(Lewis McNurlen)***

**The value of marriage is not that adults produce children, but that children produce adults. *(Peter De Vries, in The Tunnel of Love)***

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