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A Christ-Centered Guide to Happy Marriages

Theology of the Body Marriage Preparation

A Note from the TOBET Team:

This is a sneak preview of the TOBET4ENGAGED slideshow presentation, which is included in the purchase of the Facilitator's Resource Package. This presentation consists of 120 slides, and corresponds directly to the Theology of the Body Marriage Preparation book, as well as the Facilitator's guide E-book. Enjoy!

Second Edition
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Theology of the Body Marriage Preparation Sessions

The Wonder of Marriage Marriage in the Plan of God	INTRO
The Gift of Love is FREE Becoming my Real Self, My "I," so I Can Love	1 FREE
The Gift of Love is FULL Giving my Real Self for Communion: Becoming "We"	2 FULL
The Gift of Love is FAITHFUL "We" Living the Sacramentality of Marriage and the Meaning of Sex	3 FAITHFUL
The Gift of Love is FRUITFUL Our Love Overflows into the Lives of Others	4 FRUITFUL
The Gift of Love forms FAMILY "We" Becoming Holy: Living the Truth as Family	5 FAMILY
Marriage as the Mirror of the Gospel: Bringing Christ to the World through Marriage	E

Giving / Receiving / "Fruit"

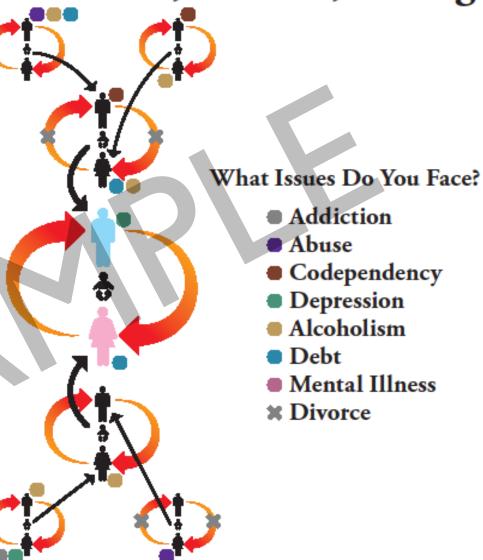


Family of Origin: The Good, The Bad, The Ugly

Your Future Family!

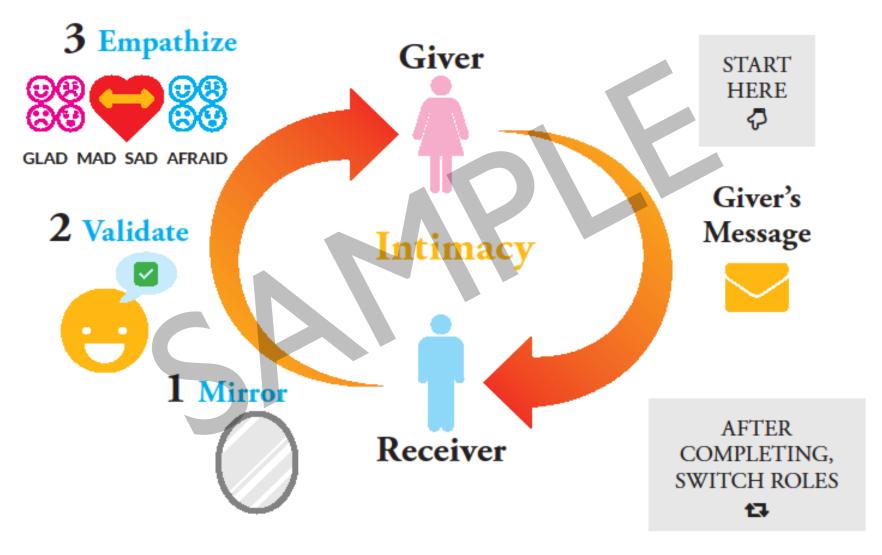
Making the most
of what you have received
requires a total commitment
from both of you —
to love wounded relatives,
to stop the cycle, and
to bring healing now and
for generations to come.

Also, appreciate and pass on the gifts you have received from your family, such as sense of humor, communication skills, deep faith life, etc.



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How to Have a Safe Dialogue

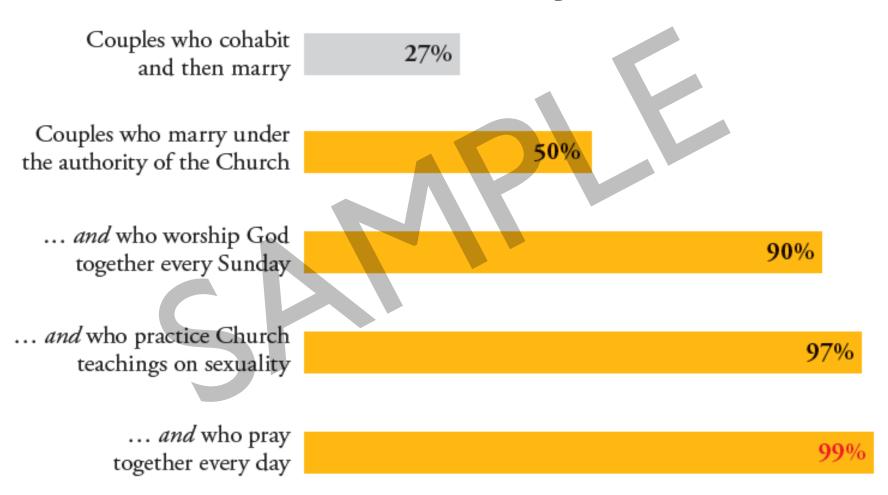


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Marriage Statistics

Percent of Couples Married for Life



What is Your View of Children?

Commodity	Blessing
Financial drain	No price tag! (require sacrifice)
Burden	Gifts (and hard work)
Emotionally taxing	Sense of belonging (and toleration!)
Hard to control	Hard not to love (mystery of others with free will)
Cause resentment and trouble	Bring inspiration (and challenges)
Major carbon footprint	Give more than take
Unwanted intruders in a planned life	Icons of the Incarnation
Discretionary life-style choice	The supreme gift of marriage

Shall we over-analyze—or risk a fuller, richer, more complicated life?

Responsible Parenthood

Number and Spacing of Children

Extreme:

We decide without God

Any contraception is right

Violates human nature, especially fertility

"Just Cause"

Couple decides with God using reason, prayer, and respect for God-given fertility

Duty toward God, yourselves, your kids (current & future), society, the Church, and even humanity as a whole.

Extreme:

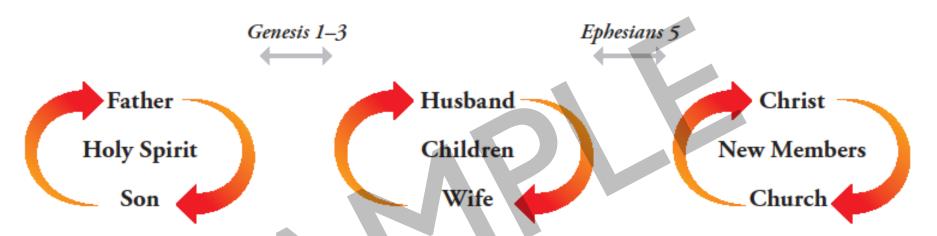
God decides without us

Even NFP is wrong

Violates human nature, especially reason



Your Marriage in the Big Picture



"So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." Gen 1:27 "Now as the Church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself up for her..."

Eph 5:24-25

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We hope this preview gives you a sense of how uniquely powerful our TOBET4ENGAGED program is! If you have further questions or are interested in purchasing this program, please contact us at info@tobet.org or call 972-591-6797, x103.



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