

It's Your CHOICE

INTRODUCTION

I have no intention or expectation that the following groups of people will necessarily accept the principles set forth in this book or benefit from them: people who have not received Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior (i.e. people who are not true Christians); people who call themselves Christians but do not believe that the Bible is the inerrant, inspired and authoritative word of God; radicals who believe that the male race and female race are enemies; people who believe that females are inferior to males; people who buy into some humanistic or man-made design for marriage and for the roles of the husband and the wife in marriage and for the roles of the husband and the wife in marriage; and people who believe that marriage is a conditional contract or temporary arrangement rather than an absolute covenant and commitment for life.

Here are some important assumptions that I make as I share advice and suggestions for having a happy and God-honoring marriage. When I use the word “you” I am obviously referring to the reader, whether it is the husband or the wife. I assume that you accept the responsibility before God for your choices. I assume that you really mean business about having an outstanding marriage, even if it means casting off juvenile notions of constantly being with the boys or constantly being with the girls, and even if it means subordinating your individual or selfish goals or activities in order to enhance your spouse and your united life with your spouse. I assume that you will not be holding out restrictions, reservations, or conditions to your commitments to your spouse. And finally I assume that the principles and truths which you learn you will be committed to put into practice in your marriage.

The suggestions and advice contained in this book will alert you to a series of CHOICES. Choose well. Knowing about these things by itself is of little value. You must DO IT! In love I challenge you to make the choices that will lead you forward on the sometimes difficult and challenging, yet exhilarating and delightful, experience of a happy and God-honoring marriage. On the human plane, a great Christian marriage is the closest thing to heaven you will know on this earth.