



## Ministry, Marriage, and Mistakes

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- I. Introduction
  - a. This sermon is the result of questions asked of Grace by church planters wives the previous day. The questions were of great concern to Mark. So these words are addressing those concerns.
- II. Most Pastors have horrible marriages (3:21)
  - a. Most guys don't finish well. Marriages aren't set up for a 50-year run. They are held together by ministry, church, or children, which act as functional saviors. The most important day of your marriage or ministry is not the first but the last day.
- III. When you stop repenting (13:52)
  - a. Sin destroys you
  - b. You change your theology to justify your disobedience
  - c. You can't call others to repentance if you don't repent
  - d. It always ends badly
- IV. Church Planting (15:00)
  - a. It's now the cool thing to do, but just because it's cool doesn't mean you should do it
  - b. 1 Timothy 3
    - i. People are going to follow your example
      1. Your marriage will be the epicenter of the culture you create in church
      2. If your marriage is jacked your church will be full of jacked marriages
      3. If your kids are not loved and led, your church will be full of kids who aren't loved or led
      4. You'll get just another poor dysfunctional church
    - ii. How's your household (28:00)
      1. How are your finances?
      2. How's your sex life?
      3. How's your date night?
      4. How's your time with your kids?
      5. Is your wife flourishing?
      6. Figure it out; you're a man!
  - c. Priorities (31:15)
    - i. Christian
    - ii. Husband
    - iii. Father
    - iv. Ministry / Vocation
- V. If you were married to my daughter would I [Mark Driscoll] be pleased with you? Your wife is God's daughter. God has given to you His daughter!
- VI. Children are a blessing (47:25)
  - a. Check your hearts motivations behind not having kids
    - i. Are you getting her to work to support you?
    - ii. Is she bearing your portion of the curse?
  - b. You take responsibility and elevate that responsibility from her
    - i. She is to be your helper not enabler
    - ii. She isn't there to help you plant a church, she is there to help you be a Christian, a husband, a father
    - iii. Your wife is not free staff for the church
      1. Her roll - Christian, wife, mother, and then church member
      2. You can't let your wife get sucked in to the vortex of free staff
      3. Define your wife's role in your church (Titus 2)
- VII. Q: How can I balance a job, a family, being a wife, being a pastor's wife? A: You can't!