



Marriage Specialization Exam Study Guide

Key Passages and Concepts

Be conversant on the following key passages related to the theology of marriage, sex, gender roles, and typical problems in marriage counseling. By “conversant” we mean that you understand the basic principle(s) within the passage and how each passage fits within the biblical model of marriage counseling.

- Deuteronomy 6:4-9
- Proverbs 5-6
- Matthew 5:31-32; 7:3-5; 15:18-20; 19: 1-12; 22:23-33
- Mark 10:12, 45
- Luke 16:18
- John 12:1-5
- 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 7:1-40; 10:31
- 2 Corinthians 8-9
- Ephesians 4:26; 5:5, 22-23; 6:1-4
- Philippians 2:1-11
- Colossians 3:17, 21
- Hebrews 13:4
- 1 Peter 3:1-7

Be prepared to answer detailed questions regarding the following passages:

- Genesis 1-3
- Ephesians 5:22-33
- 1 Corinthians 7:1-40

Understand the purposes of marriage and sex.

Understand the various positions and supporting arguments for divorce and remarriage.

Understand the various positions and supporting arguments for gender roles.

Understand the nature and practical outworking of biblical submission and leadership in marriage.

Be prepared to help a married couple grow in service to one another.

Understand how to identify, prioritize, and biblically address multiple and acute problems in a marriage counseling case.