



Lorna's Take...

On Getting Married

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I enjoyed getting married young, so everything I'm about to say is biased by that experience. One of my biggest concerns is how our culture today pressures many to delay marriage until the perfect conditions are met, in hopes that it will be guaranteed – money, career, appearance, life plans, location, security, housing.... The checklist for what it takes to get married is at risk of becoming endlessly complicated.

Vern was 21, I had just turned 20, and neither of us realized how deeply we were committing our lives to the Lord's care when we vowed before God "till death do us part." It had been 18 months from the first date to our wedding date, and while we may have thought we had it all figured out – concerning what it would take to stay married – we really didn't have a clue. We now shake our heads and laugh at how many times our plans had changed, the road curved, and the moving van backed into the driveway since those early days.

We met at Bible college, and neither of us had any post secondary training for a career when we married. All of those details were worked on after marriage. What we did have was a burning passion to live out our wedding passage of Colossians 3:12-17. For more than two decades, this passage has been the constant that we continually focussed our lives on while making the adjustments that married life requires.

Good TV programming often comes out of personal experience. So this Valentine's season, my two single producers, Sylvia Yu and Ben Stapley (who are in their late 20s), have been combining their marriage ideas with mine. The result is that we're bringing you a great program, *When Should You Marry?* It's our way of building on the rock of marriage, and hopefully providing some answers. Tune in or watch us on the web at: www.listenuptv.com &