

The Consequences of Christ's Followers Keeping their Wedding Vows

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The Traditional Wedding Vows....

I, (name) take thee, (name) to be my wedded (husband/wife),
to have and to hold from this day forward,
for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer,
in sickness or in health, to love and to cherish, 'til death do us part,
according to God's holy ordinance;
thereto I plight thee my troth [promise you my loyalty/fidelity].

The Consequences of Keeping Our Vows...

1. We please God
2. We keep the most important promise we ever made
3. We honor our spouse
4. We build trust with our spouse
5. We set a good example for our children
6. We show the way for our grand-children
7. We maintain a good testimony before the world
8. We refute those who warned that this marriage won't work
9. We strengthen the church
10. We offer hope to the community
11. We exert godly influence on the struggling marriages of friends, families, church members, neighbors, co-workers
12. We honor God's design for marriage: one man married to one woman until death parts us
13. We display the love of Christ, whose love for the church illustrates a husband's love for his wife
14. We build strong communities
15. We teach from a position of strength
16. We keep the door the open to ministry should God call us to some special task
17. We strengthen our pastor's ministry
18. We make it possible to look our spouse in the eye with a clear conscience
19. We protect and enhance growing love and intimacy with our spouse
20. We make it possible to keep growing spiritually
21. We keep the devil from getting a foothold in our marriage
22. We can go to work every day knowing that our spouse is loyal and true
23. We keep a clear conscience
24. We become members of our spouse's "Most Admired Club"
25. We can urge drowning marriages to stand on the Rock for their rescue



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