

COUPLES RETREAT

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Saying “I Do”



Many of us have stood before a minister and repeated these vows to the man or woman standing with us. We answered “I do” before God and everyone present. This is a solemn and powerful covenant and should never be entered into lightly by either parties. Do we always get it right? Probably not! Are we perfect? Definitely not, but we promised to... to keep going. How about you? You can do it, so keeping going and don't quit.

I __, take thee __, to be my wedded wife/husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish till death do us part, according to God's holy ordinance, and thereto I pledge thee my faith.

A Christmas Gift Idea

Are you searching for a gift that will keep giving way pass December 25th? Would you as a couple prayerfully consider One Child Fund. Contact our COGOP/Mission Department for more information. Thank you in advance for your gift.



Christmas Tips for Couples



Don't let the kids have all the fun. Remember that you are a couple first and parents second (that's hard for us I know). My husband came from a large family with nine children, so gifts at Christmas were not many per child. My Christmas gift experiences were a different experience, coming from a small family... gifts everywhere and we got what we wanted. So, as a couple, we needed to learn how to do Christmas differently.

Now, I must admit we still struggle after 40 years of marriage but what I learned to do is adjust for Christmas when it came to counting gifts for our children.

Here's a good tip found in Philippians 2:4 — “Let each of you look not to his own interest, but also to the interest of others.”

To find more helpful tips and good balance teaching go here:

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