



Check Your Marriage

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A machine needs upkeep. Whether it's a dishwasher, computer or even your car, it needs maintenance. Your marriage needs maintenance too! How do we do that? Spiritually. We have to check if everything is still in working order, or if it needs some work. It's human nature to get used to things and we don't follow up. How much of the world's influences are in your marriage? John 17:14-16 Jesus prayed and made it clear that we are not of this world and we should not be like it either. We should not allow evil into something as holy as marriage. What are you watching together? Are you allowing things in that are of this world? You become numb to it and wonder why your marriage is fading. These things are not from God – 1 John 2:16. Satan uses “innocent” things to affect our marriages and slowly destroying it, bringing division and conflict. Dreams. What have you been dreaming? Even if your spouse is not saved, they are dreaming too! God is speaking to them too! You should ask your spouse what they've been dreaming. Because, if there are bad dreams, sexual dreams, it means your marriage is under

attack! Dreams could be showing outside influences that are threatening your marriage right now! Dreams could be revealing upcoming pressures that will want to threaten your unity. Wouldn't you want to know these things ahead of time? Ask your spouse what they've been dreaming and start praying! What about duty over discernment or tradition over what is right? Are there “responsibilities” or duties you both are doing under compulsion or guilt but those very things are threatening your marriage? Do you have healthy boundaries set up to protect yourselves as a unit? Prov 25:28 teaches us about putting up boundaries and that when we don't have healthy boundaries and just do what others want from us, we are like a city with no walls and people can just come in and plunder! Did you know that the enemy will use ANYONE to attack your marriage? To bring a divide between the 2 of you? Do you realize that your marriage has a purpose and that is why satan doesn't want it to succeed? God gave Adam and Eve a job to do as a married couple: “God blessed them, granting

them authority and said ‘be fruitful, multiply and fill the earth and subjugate it, putting it under your feet.’” – Gen 1:28. Do you see how much power God gave the marriage union? We have so much power together as husband and wife! So of course, the enemy came to deceive them to make them fail. What is satan using in your marriage to make it fail? Check your marriage! Are wrong traditions affecting your unity? Are you still making decisions together or are you separate? God values unity very much! He demands it! Are you the only one saved? Have you been compromising with your spouse's sin? Do you take part in it because you don't want to offend your husband or wife? This is not righteousness. You must check yourself and check your marriage. Have you been hard on your spouse? Do you have offense in your heart towards them? Forgive! These are the things that satan uses to attack marriage and when you don't check your marriage, months from now, suddenly, you'll realize there are many problems to deal with. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what you need to address in your marriage right now.