

Outline – February 28, 2021
Matthew 22:34-40, Proverbs 12:1-5
Being Compatible With Incompatibility

Life Is Made Up Of Stages

- I. **The many stages of life**
 - A. (Some) stages of physical development
 - B. (Some) stages of psychosocial development
- II. **The stages of marital development**
 - A. Passion, romance, honeymoon
 - B. Realization
 - 1. Life issues
 - 2. No conflict resolution skills
 - 3. Gross misunderstandings
 - C. Rebellion – tension – disillusioned (most dangerous)
 - D. Cooperative – considerate – settled
 - E. Reunion – harmony
 - F. Progressing stage
 - G. Completion stage
- III. **The disillusionment/rebellion stage**
 - A. Most delicate, sensitive, stressful stage
 - B. Feelings of being incompatible
 - C. Uncertain about how to relate, communicate and love
 - D. The opposites attract and then repel becomes a real principle
- IV. **Unpacking the greatest command**
 - A. We all have areas from which we love and relate
 - B. Jesus divided this triad in heart, soul and mind
 - C. Heart - often represents the place of emotions, feelings, expression
 - 1. Praise
 - 2. Glad, mad, sad
 - 3. Hope, sympathy, compassion
 - D. Soul - often represents intuition insight, on ability to see what could be, should be, would be
 - 1. No data
 - 2. No analysis
 - 3. Instincts – “gut”
 - E. Mind – Data, information, analysis, testing, examination
 - F. We all have these areas; however, one is dominant, one is recessive, one is hidden (lingering)

V. How incompatibility begins

- A. When a "mind" person marries a "heart" person
- B. When a "soul" person marries a "mind" person

VI. How does one make incompatibility compatible?

- A. Recognize difference doesn't mean wrong
- B. Be willing to admire and appreciate their ability
- C. Be thankful for the balance
- D. Be willing to enter their world because you do love them
 - 1. Remember, it's not about you
- E. Make the adjustment via the Spirit and the Word
 - 1. Let His grace & love change you
 - 2. Let His Spirit take over your life

VII. Our faith, our life, our relationships are a movement (from one level to the next)

- A. Jesus says to follow Him
- B. He brings us from no faith to amazing faith
- C. From no relationship with God to calling God our Heavenly Father
- D. From not knowing love to knowing a super amazing love

**We May Seem Incompatible; However,
We Can Make Adjustments And Continue
To Grow As We Follow Jesus
Making Our Marriages For Better Or For Best**