

SERMON NOTES

Title: The Crazy Cycle
Text: Proverbs 21:24; 27:15-16; Colossians 3:18-19
Resource: *Love & Respect* by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs
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Introduction:

Proverbs 21:24 (NKJV)

Proverbs 27:15-16 (NIV)

- A. Did you recognize the “Crazy Cycle” at work there?
- B. This Crazy Cycle ultimately results in the destruction of the marriage if it isn’t stopped.
- C. We have already learned that the most basic need of husbands and wives are different.

Ephes. 5:33 (NLT)

Body:

I. Why she won’t respect.

- A. A wounded wife tends to feel that her husband must earn her respect before she will give it.
 - B. Wives often do not respect their husbands because they fear being a doormat.
 - C. Wives don’t give respect to their husbands sometimes because they worry about being a hypocrite.
- Proverbs 27:15-16** (NIV)
- D. Wives sometimes think they can’t forgive their husbands.

II. Why he won’t love.

- A. Men do know how to love a woman.
- B. The fact is that men and women speak different languages.

Proverbs 21:24 (NKJV)

III. Stop the merry-go-round and let me off!

- A. How can we stop the Crazy Cycle and turn it into an Energizing Cycle?

Proverbs 12:16 (NASB-U)

- B. If we learn how to love our wives, not just to conquer them but to dwell with them in fullness, we can turn the *Crazy Cycle* into the *Energizing Cycle*.”

Conclusion:

- A. Here is your assignment: At some point this week if you are uncomfortable with something your spouse says to you, stop and ask the question: “Honey, I feel a little disrespected by what you just said, did what I said cause you to feel unloved?”