

Strike the Original Match

Watch Out for Cheap Substitutes!

1 PETER 3:1-9



The Heart of the Matter

In the previous message, we learned that God's plan for remodeling a house into a home calls for some specific behaviors and attitudes which serve as bricks or building blocks for the relationship. Some of these bricks are contributed by the wife, and some by the husband. Regrettably, both sets of bricks can be substituted with cheap imitations. These may seem to be adequate and acceptable at first, but over the long haul, they cause great damage.



Discovering the Way

1. Substitutes Commonly Used by Wives (1 Peter 3:1-6)

Wives will sometimes substitute secret manipulation for a quiet spirit, external appeal for internal beauty, and learning what is right for doing what is right.

2. Substitutes Commonly Used by Husbands (3:7-9)

Husbands will sometimes substitute providing a living for sharing a life, demanding for managing, and smothering for honoring.

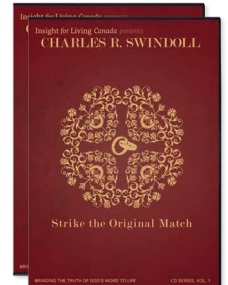


Starting Your Journey

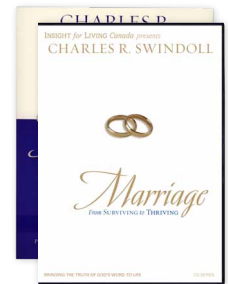
Substitutes in marriage create irritation, resentment, hatred, bitterness, and selfishness . . . the very things Peter challenged us to put aside.



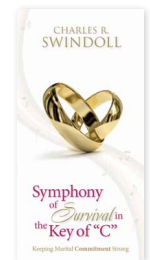
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