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## Big Brother or Just Who Is Watching Us Anyway?

### Series: Relationship Realities: Getting Real About Marriage

#### Selected Passages of Scripture

#### 2 Corinthians 4:2 (MsgB)

*We refuse to wear masks and play games. We don't maneuver and manipulate behind the scenes. And we don't twist God's Word to suit ourselves. Rather, we keep everything we do and say out in the open, the whole truth on display, so that those who want to can see and judge for themselves in the presence of God.*

#### Luke 8:17 (CEV)

*There is nothing hidden that will not be found. There is no secret that will not be well known.*

## 1. WHO'S WATCHING?...THE COMMUNITY I AM A PART OF.

#### 1 Corinthians 13:1 (NIV)

*If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.*

- My friends and acquaintances are looking to see what a godly marriage looks like.
- We can hide our problems from those who know us, but we can't escape them.
- God desires for us to have a healthy relationship as a model of His plan.

## 2. WHO'S WATCHING?...THE CHILDREN I AM RAISING.

#### Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

*Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.*

#### Deuteronomy 4:9 (NLT)

*"But watch out! Be very careful never to forget what you have seen the Lord do for you. Do not let these things escape from your mind as long as you live! And be sure to pass them on to your children and grandchildren.*

#### Ephesians 6:4 (NIV)

*Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.*

- Our greatest opportunity to teach our children about how a marriage should work comes from modeling it.
- What our children see is what they will consider as the norm in marriage.
- The greatest gift we can give our children is a loving relationship.

## 3. WHO'S WATCHING?...THE LORD I VOWED TO.

#### Isaiah 29:15 (Living)

*Woe to those who try to hide their plans from God, who try to keep him in the dark concerning what they do! "God can't see us," they say to themselves. "He doesn't know what is going on!"*

- When I married, I committed to God that I would stay that way even through the difficult times.
- We may be able to fool others and even ourselves, but we cannot hide what's in our hearts from God.
- Not only is God watching us, He is watching over us.

**A marriage relationship that is strong and pleasing to the Lord is a testimony to those who know and love us.**