

Finding the Way Back to Mayberry Episode # 92, "A Wife for Andy"

Introduction:

Barney tries to push Andy into marriage by parading the bachelorettes of Mayberry in front of him. When that seems to fail, Barney sets him up on a "blind date" with Opie's teacher.

Lesson Points:

Mistakes of Meddlesome Busybodies

Barney - 1 Timothy 5:13-15

Gossip doesn't benefit anyone – Proverbs 11:13, 18:6-8, and 26:18-20

Busybodies stir up trouble although they may not realize it – Proverbs 16:27-29

They should have better things to worry about – Proverbs 20:3, 2 Thessalonians 3:11-13

Points About Patient People –

Andy – Romans 8:25, James 1:2-3, Titus 2:1-8

Handle troubles properly – Romans 12:12, Proverbs 13:20 and 18:24

Nothing worthwhile is easy – Romans 5:3-5 and 15:4, 1 Corinthians 10:13

Our time is not God's time – Psalm 27:14, Colossians 1:9-14

Trust in the Lord – Psalm 118:8, Hebrews 6:12 and 11:1, 2 Thessalonians 1:4, Philippians 4:13

Steadily run the race set before us – Hebrews 12:1-3, James 1:4

Discussion:

Why was Barney so intent on getting Andy remarried, although he had *never* married?

Why did Thelma Lou get involved in Barney's plan? Was she really against it since she didn't attend the two meetings?

What are some possible things that it might be acceptable for Barney to help Andy with?

How were the one dozen Mayberry single ladies affected by Barney's meddling?

How did Helen react to the obvious pairing with Andy?

Why didn't she answer Barney's questions the way he obviously wanted her to?

How could Andy and Opie have benefited from Andy getting married again?

Why had Andy waited so long?

What were his expectations?

What were Helen's?

Could the two possibly blend their respective expectations into a good marriage and happy family?

What would it take?

Even if they made a nice couple on the date, isn't there much more to consider before jumping into a marriage/family?

Why didn't Barney think of that?

What were Barney's expectations of marriage?

Why did he assume that everyone felt the same way?

Should we wait to be asked before we rush in to fix a situation for someone else.

Final Thoughts:

Andy: I ain't found the woman I want to marry yet! I ain't puttin' it off! I miss bein' married. Sometimes I feel downright lonesome. I miss goin' home to a wife. But then, you see, gettin' married means you found the woman you want to settle down with, and I ain't found her yet! But when I do, you'll be the first to know, OK?!

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1 Timothy 5:13-15

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Proverbs 11:13

13 A gossip goes around revealing a secret, but a trustworthy person keeps a confidence.

Proverbs 18:6-8

6 A fool's lips lead to strife, and his mouth provokes a beating. 7 A fool's mouth is his devastation, and his lips are a trap for his life. 8 A gossip's words are like choice food that goes down to one's innermost being.

Proverbs 16:27-29

27 A worthless man digs up evil, and his speech is like a scorching fire. 28 A contrary man spreads conflict, and a gossip separates close friends. 29 A violent man lures his neighbor, leading him in a way that is not good.

Proverbs 20:3

3 It is honorable for a man to resolve a dispute, but any fool can get himself into a quarrel.

Romans 8:25

25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with patience.

James 1:2-3

2 Consider it a great joy, my brothers, whenever you experience various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

Romans 12:12

12 Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; be persistent in prayer.

Proverbs 13:20

20 The one who walks with the wise will become wise, but a companion of fools will suffer harm.

Romans 5:3-5

3 And not only that, but we also rejoice in our afflictions, because we know that affliction produces endurance, 4 endurance produces proven character, and proven character produces hope. 5 This hope will not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Psalms 118:8

8 It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.

James 1:4

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4 Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

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Proverbs 26:18-20

18 Like a madman who throws flaming darts and deadly arrows,
19 so is the man who deceives his neighbor and says, "I was only joking!"
20 Without wood, fire goes out; without a gossip, conflict dies down.

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2 Thessalonians 3:11-13

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11 For we hear that there are some among you who walk irresponsibly, not working at all, but interfering with the work of others. 12 Now we command and exhort such people by the Lord Jesus Christ that quietly working, they may eat their own food. 13 Brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

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11 We hear that some among you are idle. They are not busy; they are busybodies. 12 Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the bread they eat. 13 And as for you, brothers, never tire of doing what is right.

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Titus 2:1-8

1 But you must say the things that are consistent with sound teaching. 2 Older men are to be level headed, worthy of respect, sensible, and sound in faith, love, and endurance. 3 In the same way, older women are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not addicted to much wine. They are to teach what is good, 4 so they may encourage the young women to love their husbands and to love their children, 5 to be self-controlled, pure, homemakers, kind, and submissive to their husbands, so that God's message will not be slandered.

6 In the same way, encourage the young men to be self-controlled 7 in everything. Make yourself an example of good works with integrity and dignity in your teaching. 8 Your message is to be sound beyond reproach, so that the opponent will be ashamed, having nothing bad to say about us.

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Proverbs 18:24

24 A man with many friends may be harmed, but there is a friend who stays closer than a brother.

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Romans 15:4

4 For whatever was written in the past was written for our instruction, so that we may have hope through endurance and through the encouragement from the Scriptures.

1 Corinthians 10:13

13 No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to humanity. God is faithful, and He will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation He will also provide a way of escape so that you are able to bear it.

Psalms 27:14

14 Wait for the LORD;
let your heart be strong and courageous.
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Colossians 1:9-14

9 For this reason also, since the day we heard this, we haven't stopped praying for you. We are asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, 10 so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God. 11 May you be strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for all endurance and patience, with joy 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the saints' inheritance in the light. 13 He has rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son He loves. 14 We have redemption, the forgiveness of sins, in Him.

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Hebrews 6:12

12 so that you won't become lazy but will be imitators of those who inherit the promises through faith and perseverance.

Hebrews 11:1

1 Now faith is the reality of what is hoped for, the proof of what is not seen.

2 Thessalonians 1:4

4 Therefore, we ourselves boast about you among God's churches—about your endurance and faith in all the persecutions and afflictions you endure.

Philippians 4:13

13 I am able to do all things through Him (Christ) who strengthens me.

Hebrews 12:1-3

1 Therefore, since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that so easily ensnares us. Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us, 2 keeping our eyes on Jesus, the source and perfecter[b] of our faith, who for the joy that lay before Him endured a cross and despised the shame and has sat down at the right hand of God's throne.
3 For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, so that you won't grow weary and lose heart.

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