## **BLR: Building Lasting Relationships (BLR)**

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### **MEN'S RETREAT/SEMINAR TOPICS:**

- Understanding the Heart of A Man (7-10 Core Values)
- The Foundation *Every* Man Needs for Success in Life & Relationships
- God Is Really Into Sex!: Rollin Like Thunder Under the Covers
- What A Man Should Know About A Woman
- Father Wounds: Breaking The Chain of Pain Cycle
- Being A Man God Can Use
- Treat Her Like a Lady
- Before the Fight Begins
- When All Hell Breaks Loose
- Kiss of Death: Secret Sins of Pornography
- Handling "Yo" Business: Your Marriage and the Road
- Marriages of Pastors, Politicians, and Leaders
- Six Practices That Are Revolutionizing My Marriage
- Finding Mrs. Right (for singles)
- A Church's Responsibility to Singles (Never Married & Divorcees)
- What Biblical Commitment Looks Like
- God's Purpose for Marriage
- Critical Warning Signs for Your Marriage
- Communicating with God & Your Spouse (Five Love Languages)
- Forgiveness & Letting Go (includes *Five Languages of Apology*)
- Correctly Handling Conflict Leads to Intimacy
- Show Her the Money (Marriage and Money)
- Affair-Proofing Your Marriage
- Why God Hates Divorce (God Does Not Hate Divorced People)
- Making Your Present Marriage Your *Last* One
- Complimenting Your Spouse
- Managing Marriage/Family & Career/Ministry
- Leaving A God-Pleasing Legacy

### Suggested Saturday Seminar Schedule (only if there is no schedule):

8:15am-8:45am Registration

8:45am-9:45am Session One

9:45am-10:00am Break

10:00am-11:00am Session Two

11:00am-11:15am Break

11:15am-12:15pm Session Three

12:15pm-1:00pm Lunch

1:00pm-2:00pm Session Four

2:00pm-2:30pm Closing Remarks by Host Church/Organization

Clarence has conducted these *fun*, *interactive*, and *life-changing* men's retreats/seminars for nearly 20 years. He shares what he has learned, is learning from mistakes, and successes. Clarence's marriage books are *Your Wife Can Be Your Best Friend* and *Keeping Your Wife Your Best Friend*. His fathering book is *What All Dads Should Know*. Visit BLR's website to see Clarence's other books (<a href="https://www.clarenceshuler.com">www.clarenceshuler.com</a>). His latest book is *Single and Free to Be Me*.

Please visit our website (<u>www.clarenceshuler.com</u>) for any background or credential information.

Clarence has done doctoral work in Biblical Marriage Counseling at New Geneva Theological Seminary in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He also assists the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services with its African American Healthy Marriage Initiative. He is a member of the Coalition for Black Marriages/Families. He has been certified in Marriage Education Professional Training from the University of Bridgeport. He and Brenda are trained in Preventive and Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP).

Clarence and Brenda, his wife are members of *Dennis Rainey's FamilyLife Marriage*Conference Speaker Team. They have also partnered with the *Billy Graham School of*Evangelism, teaching Managing Marriage/Family and Ministry (Career).

Clarence has been featured on numerous radio programs and in *Discipleship Journal*, *Essence Magazine*, *and Black Enterprise* for marriage related topics.

#### Policies for this BLR Men's Retreat/Seminar:

- I. Authority: This Marriage Seminar is under the auspices of BLR: Building Lasting Relationships.
  - II. Fee: The minimum honorarium for this retreat (4-sessions or more) male-equipping retreat is \$2,000.00 (We suggest having 50 men pre-register at \$40.00 per man in order to meet this minimum fee—small churches should partner for this event). Any additional attendees will pay \$40 per man. For example, if there are 51 couples, the fee will be \$2,040 or 70 men will be \$2,800.

Fee: 3-Sessions for retreat, \$1,500

#### **Pre-registration is beneficial because:**

- 1. People value events in which they have a personal investment;
- 2. People, especially men are less likely to change their minds, even if the weather is good for golf or fishing, or fear of the conference, if they have already invested financially;
- 3. This method protects the church budget;
- 4. All of the previously mentioned reasons **results in higher attendance**.

Boys are also welcome (13-18 years of age) for \$15.00.

Grandfathers: \$20.00

This conference benefits single boys/men:

- 1. It reveals what to look for in a Christian spouse;
- 2. It demonstrates how to biblically find a spouse;
- 3. It helps to prevent divorce.

**BLR** is *flexible* and *reasonably negotiates* with those in areas unable to secure 50 men. This is not BLR's norm, but BLR understands that some areas may have significantly less than 50 men. Ministry, not money is foremost with us. Yet, we know that commitment parallels the value placed on what you receive. BLR aims for God's best for all.

III. Transportation: The host church(es) or conference, etc. is/are financially responsible for the airfare and for any expenses incurred coming to or returning from the retreat for both of the Shulers.

Dr. Shuler **only** fly **United Airlines** unless United doesn't fly to your location. The reason being that their frequent flyer status with United, provides them with viable options whenever weather and/or mechanical problems affect their flights either in route or returning home, which they don't have with other airlines.

- IV. Lodging & Meals: The host church(es) or conference, etc. is/are financially responsible for hotel accommodations and meals for the Shulers for duration of their retreat stay which includes Saturday evening and Sunday if Dr. Shuler is asked to stay over to preach on Sunday.
- V. Deposit: Unfortunately, experience forces BLR to operate in a strict business manner regarding booking dates and finances. BLR contracts a date for a retreat on a "first come, first serve" basis. BLR naturally refuses other engagements on this confirmed date. BLR desires to do ministry. If a seminar is canceled, it is often too late to book one of the churches/organizations previously refused due its "first come, first serve" policy.

Therefore, after much prayer, a Building Lasting Relationships' Marriage Seminar requires a \$1,000 non-refundable deposit. This deposit must be received within three weeks after a mutually agreed upon date is set. Failure to receive said deposit within stated time releases Building Lasting Relationships, Inc. from any verbal and/or written contract.

- VI. **Booking:** Retreat may be booked up to two years in advance or a minimum of two weeks' notice
- VII. Materials Required for this Men's Seminar: Large projection screen, DVD player & internet access.
- VIII. Selling Books: BLR requests permission to sale any books and DVDs produced by Dr. Shuler. BLR also requests assistance in selling these resources.

  Resources would be sold before retreat begins, during breaks, and at conclusion of retreat. Books Signings are welcome.
- IX. Recording and/or Videoing: No part of this retreat may be reproduced without

written permission from BLR: Building Lasting Relationships. Permission must be secured 7 business days before retreat. If permission is granted, BLR shall receive 70 percent of the profit on day of retreat and all future profit from sales from reproduction of BLR seminar (CDs, DVDs, etc.). BLR is to receive unlimited copies of these resources upon request.

X. Payment: We, the organization (s), etc. accept all of the terms of this contract stipulated by BLR: Building Lasting Relationships understanding that if our organization should cancel for any reason after a date has been agreed upon by both host organization (s) and BLR: Building Lasting Relationships. BLR requires a \$1,000 non-refundable deposit. This deposit must be received within three weeks after a mutually agreed upon date has been set. Failure to receive said deposit within stated time releases Building Lasting Relationships from any verbal and/or written contract. We, the organization (s), etc. forfeit the \$1,000 deposit. If the retreat is held, the balance of the retreat fee is due at the conclusion of and at the site of retreat.

# \*Please make Check Payable to: BLR: Building Lasting Relationships

	Requested Date for Seminar
Signed	(church/organization)
Signed	(Brenda Shuler- Executive Administrator of BLR: Building Lasting Relationships
Date:	(Contract Date signing)

<sup>\*</sup>These four pages form the legally binding contract between BLR: Building Lasting Relationships and host church(es) and/or organization(s) for this marriage seminar.