

## Marriage Basics Seminar God's Design for Marriage

What is Marriage?

*“ . . . Marriage is a relationship between man and woman intended by God to be a monogamous relationship, intended to be a permanent bond (during life) in which many needs are satisfied - the need to love and be loved, the need for deep friendship, for sharing, for companionship, for sexual satisfaction, for children, the need to escape loneliness. Marriage out to be a bond of sacrificial love where husband and wife have become one, one flesh, a unity. ”*

Preliminary Thoughts

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God's Establishment of Marriage

Genesis 1:26-31

- 1) God made man, and He made man in His image (26-27)
- 2) God created man as male and female (27)
- 3) God gave mankind a responsibility to have dominion over all the earth

Genesis 2

- 1) Marriage is the solution for man's social needs (18)
- 2) Nothing in the animal world would be “a helper suitable for him.” (19-20)

3) God fashioned the woman from out of the man (21-23)

4) The Establishment of the First Sets the Pattern (24)

Leave and Cleave

5) “Naked,” means “without impediment” and is a mental concept (vs 25)

Marriage is God’s design, not man’s - Genesis 1 & 2

Marriage is God’s design for the experience of sexual intimacy - Proverbs 5 and Song of Solomon

Jesus’ Teaching on Marriage - Matthew 19:4-6; Mark 10:3-9

1) Jesus cites Genesis that God “*created them male and female.*”

2) Jesus Quotes Genesis 2:24

3) Jesus states that God joins the two together

Paul’s Teaching on the Purpose of Marriage - Ephesians 5:31-32

Conclusions

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The Role of the Wife

Purposes of Marriage Review

The Purpose of Women - Genesis 2:18-25

*A helper suitable for him*

1 Corinthians 11:8-9 - Order and purpose

Galatians 3:28 - Gender Equality in Christ

Genesis 3:14-19 - The Curses

The Issue of Submission

Colossians 3:18

ὑποτάσσω / hupotassô

Ephesians 5:15 - walk as wise men

Ephesians 5:21 - Be subject to one another

Ephesians 5:21-22 - Women to their own husband

Ephesians 5:23 - Headship

1 Corinthians 11:3

1 Timothy 2:13

Ephesians 5:24 - The example of the church

1 Peter 3:1-6

1) Your submission is primarily to God, then to your husband

2) Submission does not mean you allow your husband to abuse you - 1 Corinthians 7:10-11

3) Submission does not mean coddling an unbelieving husband to not leave you. 1 Corinthians 7:15

The Issue of Respect - Ephesians 5:33

Power to Succeed

The Proverbs 31 Woman

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The Role of the Husband

The Role of Husbands - Colossians 3:19

**Love Your Wife**

ἀγαπάω / agapaō

Ephesians 5:25-33

Love Her like Christ Loved the Church - Ephesians 5:25

1) Jesus “*gave Himself up for her*” (25)

2) Jesus sacrificed Himself in order to sanctify the church (26-27)

Cherish Her as Your Own Body - Ephesians 5:28-29

Love her with the same consideration you give to yourself

Jesus’ cares for His church because we are members of His body

A Pragmatic Reason

Love Her as Yourself - Ephesians 5:33

Do Not Be Embittered - Colossians 3:19

Ephesians 4:31-32

1 Peter 3:7

The Husband's Responsibility to Lead - Ephesians 5:23, 1 Corinthians 11:3

The Husband's Responsibility to Provide - 1 Timothy 5:8



## Marriage Basics Seminar Miscellaneous

Learning to appreciate each others uniqueness and accept each other

Learning to communicate well

Love languages is related to communication

Quality Time;

Physical touch and closeness;

Words of Encouragement;

Gifts;

Acts of Service

Expectations and Learning to Deal with Disappointment

Planning for the Future & Dreaming Together

Dealing with In-laws

### **Solutions to Foolishness in Marriage**

Proverbs 14:1, *“The wise woman builds her house, But the foolish tears it down with her own hands.”*

Being Naive (Proverbs 14:15; 22:3)

Solution: Listen to and heed wisdom

The Counsel of the Wicked (Proverbs 12:5; 13:20; Psalm 1)

Solution: Get Counsel from the Godly and Wise



Pride (Proverbs 12:15; 30:12; 1:25,30)

Solution: Proverbs 3:7 - humility and fear the Lord

Self-Righteousness (Proverbs 21:2; 16:2; 30:12)

Pharisaical

Right motives with Wrong Actions - Proverbs 26:18-19

Solution: Humility

Selfishness (Proverbs 23:6-8; James 3:14-17)

Solution: Philippians 2:3-4

Demanding, Nagging and Contention (Proverbs 27:15; 21:9; 26:21; 21:19)

Solution: Right motivation in seeking the best interest of the other

Bickering and Quarreling (Proverbs 20:3; 17:1)

Solution: Romans 12:8

Perfectionism / OCD

Romans 14:7-10

Temperamental / Harsh / Hateful (Proverbs 29:11; 14:29)

Solution: Proverbs 15:1, 18

