

Kingdom Marriage

1 Corinthians 10:31 So, whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

1. THE PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE

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| 1. | Companionship | Genesis 2:18 -21 |
| 2. | Sexual Relations | Genesis 2:24-25, 1 Cor 7:1-6 |
| 3. | Godly offspring | Mal 2:15 |
| 4. | Nurture | nurture and build up each other. |

2. THE NATURE OF MARRIAGE

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| 1. | Permanent | Matt 19:6, Mal 2:16 |
| 2. | Covenant | Mal 2:14 |
| 3. | Monogamous | 1 Cor 7:2 |

3. The responsibility of the couple: Leave & Cleave

Genesis 2:24

²⁴ *Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.*

“Leave” - Depart (physical) Loosen (separate) Forsake
“Cleave” - Join together, Cling to, Remain loyal

- Independence: Physical, Financial, Emotional, Spiritual
- Transferring of Loyalty: Never Choose parents above spouse.
- Honour your parents: Don't neglect, gossip. Seek to honour.
- Sharing together makes cleaving stronger.
- Refuse any attempt to damage: Habits, irritations, hurt
- Cleaving includes being “one flesh”: Sexual intimacy

4. The role of the husband

1. LEADER

Ephesians 5:23, 25-27

²³ *For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.* ²⁵ *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,* ²⁶ *that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,* ²⁷ *that He might present her to Himself a glorious*

church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

“Head” - Assigned Leadership, Delegated Authority
- Responsibility

- Loving leader who rules (stand before) and provides (meet needs)
- NOT Lording it over: abuse of personal power
- NOT Exercising authority: abuse of personal position
- With understanding: to have intimate perception
- Giving honour: value her through ‘portions of preciousness’

- Devotion above children, friends, recreation, ministry or work.

- Spiritual leader presenting your wife as blameless, holy, glorious.

2. LOVE

Ephesians 5:25

²⁵ *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her...*

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

⁴ *Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;* ⁵ *does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;* ⁶ *does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;* ⁷ *bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.* ⁸ *Love never fails.*

“Love” - Unconditional, Sacrificial, Loyal

- Love your wife actively: Love continually by voice and choice.
- Love your wife sacrificially: As Christ gave Himself for the church
- Do not become bitter: Bitter: sharp, cutting, harsh. Always tender & gentle, never unkind. Always building up, never tearing down. Always empowering, never controlling
- Purposefully nourish (provide for growth) and cherish (treasure).
- Never allow your love to grow cold: Guard against unforgiveness.

5. The role of the wife

1. HELPER

Genesis 2:18, 20

¹⁸ *And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper ..."*

"Helper" - Assists, Encourages, Supports (fights for)

- Helper because of God's design: Embrace & rejoice in your calling.
- She makes her husband top priority: not work, ministry, or children
- Her husband becomes known in the city gates
- Invests her life, earns her husband's trust, receives his praise.

2. HOME MAKER

Titus 2:4-5

⁴ *that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, ⁵ to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed."*

- The helper is the Divinely designated worker of the home
- Greek "oikos": home and its affairs
- Greek "ergon": work and its efforts
- Greek "despot": manage and oversee
- The helper manages servants, generates profits, helps the needy
- Proverbs 31:10-31
- Problem-solving, not problem-dumping

3. SUBMISSION & RESPECT

Colossians 3:18

¹⁸ *Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord."*

Ephesians 5: 22-24, 33

²² *Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. ²⁴ Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. ³³ Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband."*

1 Peter 3:1-4

“Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives,² when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear.³ Do not let your adornment be merely outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel—⁴ rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.”

“Submit” - To arrange under, respect & obey the authority.

- Submitting is God’s command: Do it continually, voluntarily.
- Submit to your husband “as to the Lord”
- Submit to your husband in everything; but not the immoral, illegal.
- Submission can include the heartbreaking, not the life-threatening.

- Submit to your husband with an attitude of genuine respect.
- Submit to your husband with a gentle and quiet spirit.

- Gentle: accepts God’s dealings as good.
- Quiet: settled tranquility and deep peace.

God wants to pour out His Spirit to empower us to be witnesses (and make disciples!)

...He also wants to pour out His Spirit on His children for times of refreshing!

Acts 3:19

Repent then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord

- Repentance is key for times of refreshing in your marriage.

Repent therefore, ask the Lord to pour out His Spirit for times of refreshing, have faith that He will do it and put works to your faith and be active in your marriage!