



MARRIAGE

It's Not You, It's Me - Pt 1
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Strengthening Your Relationship Skills MARRIAGE - FAMILY - FRIENDS - GOD

But I wish everyone were single, just as I am. Yet each person has a special gift from God, of one kind or another. (1 Corinthians 7:7)

Marriage is to be honored by all... (Hebrews 13:4a)

GODS INTENT FOR MARRIAGE

1. For the CONNECTION of men and women.

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him." (Genesis 2:18)

Jesus said, "But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." (Mark 10:6-9)

Facts of Biblical marriage: 1. God INVENTED marriage

2. Marriage is between ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN

3. Marriage is PERMANENT

2. For the MAKING of babies.

So God created man in his own image; he created him in the image of God; he created them male and female. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it." (Genesis 1:27-28)

God gave them his blessing and said: Have a lot of children! (CEV)

God's very first command: GET MARRIED AND HAVE SEX

3. For the PROTECTION of those babies.

*In the fear of the Lord one has strong confidence and his children have a refuge.
(Proverbs 14:26)*

4. For the PERFECTION of your character.

*It's selfish and stupid to think only of yourself and to sneer at people who have sense.
(Proverbs 18:1)*

Love sincerely. Hate evil. Hold on to what is good. Be devoted to each other like a loving family. Excel in showing respect for each other. (Romans 12:9-10)

God's plan for marriage: Make you HOLY not HAPPY

5. For the FOUNDATION of society.

Righteousness makes a nation great; sin is a disgrace to any nation. (Proverbs 14:34)

6. For the REFLECTION of our union with Christ.

Husbands, love your wives just as Christ loved the church and gave his life for it... He did this in order to present the church to himself in all its beauty... men ought to love their wives just as they love their own bodies...none of us ever hate our own bodies. Instead, we feed them and take care of them, just as Christ does the church, for we are members of his body. As the scripture says, "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and unite with his wife, and the two will become one." There is a deep secret truth revealed in this scripture, which I understand as applying to Christ and the church. But it also applies to you: every husband must love his wife as himself, and every wife must respect her husband. (Ephesians 5:25-33)

MARRIAGE STATUS

SINGLE **CHILDLESS** **WIDOWED** **DIVORCED**

SEPARATED **MISERABLE** **TRAPPED**