



FAMILY MATTERS: IT TAKES A MARRIAGE

Genesis 2:18-25 · Matthew 19:1-6

Part One

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*To understand family matters we need to ask
and answer 7 questions about marriage!*

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(Genesis 1:26-28)**

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Marriage comes from God, not men.

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2. What is marriage?

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²⁸ In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, **just as Christ does the church,** ³⁰ because we are members of his body. ³¹ **"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."** ³² **This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.**
(Ephesians 5:28-32)

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Marriage is the permanent union between one man and one woman that is foundational to achieving the purposes of God on earth and in society.

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Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, (Proverbs 1:8)

My son, keep your father's commandment, and forsake not your mother's teaching. (Proverbs 6:20)

Listen to your father who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old. (Proverbs. 23:22)

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⁴ "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ **You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.**

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²⁰ **"When your son asks you in time to come, 'What is the meaning of the testimonies and the statutes and the rules that the LORD our God has commanded you?' ²¹ then you shall say to your son, 'We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt. And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. (Deuteronomy 6: 4-7, 20-21)**

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Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6)

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²
 "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise) ... (Ephesians 6:1-2)

Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. (Colossians 3:20)

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*Marriage is necessary for the training of children
and the governance of creation.*

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⁴ But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show godliness to their own household and to make some return to their parents, for this is pleasing in the sight of God. ⁸ **But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.**
(1 Timothy 5:4-8)

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The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. ² Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ⁴ **He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, ⁵ for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church?** (1 Timothy 3:1-5)

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Good parenting lends itself to an interdependent, civil, and stable family, church, and society



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