"Together": Enjoying The Rights and Responsibilities of Marriage Do God's Work, Together Genesis 2:15–25 (Page 2 in Church Bible)

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## Q1: What is marriage?

## A1: As stated in the First Bible Church Constitution, Section 7:

We believe that God has expressly and exclusively reserved the gift of sexual intimacy and intercourse for marriage. God expects the married to live in faithfulness to their spouse. God expects the unmarried to live pure and celibate lives, refraining from sexual intimacy. We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning, which is the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union designed by God to last as long as they both shall live. All teaching, counseling, and policies of First Bible Church shall affirm and abide by this definition of marriage.

- Q2: Why did God create marriage?
- A2: To unite the \_\_\_\_\_\_ roles of husband and wife in doing the work God assigns.
- Q3: What is the work God has given married couples to do together?
- A3: The work can be summarized in two mandates:
  - 1. The Great \_\_\_\_\_: Love, glorify, and enjoy God (Mt. 22:37).
  - 2. The Great \_\_\_\_\_: Help others love, glorify, and enjoy God (Mt. 28:19).
- Q4: How should married couples do this work?
- A4: By \_\_\_\_\_\_ each other become the person that God is working on them to be (Phil. 1:6; Eph. 2:10; 1 Jn. 3:2).
- Q5: What, then, is the mission of marriage?
- A5: To glorify God by working together to help people \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_, Jesus Christ.

## **Practical Application**

- 1. Pray \_\_\_\_\_\_ for others to know, love, obey, and exalt Jesus Christ.
- 2. Worship \_\_\_\_\_\_ with your church family.
- 3. Invest \_\_\_\_\_\_, through financial discipline, in the Great Commission.
- 4. Serve \_\_\_\_\_\_ by encouraging each other to use unique gifts in ministry.