

Hot Topics  
Family Edition  
Roles and Responsibilities in Marriage  
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Scriptures: Genesis 1:26-28; 2:7-9; 15-25 (ESV)

1. The sanctity of marriage

A biblical marriage is divine in origin and is defined as a covenant between a man, woman, and God for an entire lifetime.

God created and designed marriage.

When a married couple dedicates themselves to God, the study of His word, praying together, being taught through godly counsel, and living by the power of the Holy Spirit, there is great potential to experience the most beautiful, intimate, and fulfilling relationship on earth.

There is no relationship as powerful or that is fought harder against than a “one-flesh”, unified marriage between a believing husband and wife.

2. The purposes of marriage

Anything our Creator creates He does so with purpose!

A. Procreation

Scripture: Malachi 2:10-16

B. Illustration

Scripture: Ephesians 5:32

### C. Sanctification

#### 3. The order of marriage.

God operates by His “divine order”.

Creation, His Kingdom, His church, and the family unit all have a “divine order” in which they were created and operate.

God’s kingdom, His church, and the family unit all have been set up by God’s “divine authority.”

Scripture: I. Corinthians 11:3 (ESV)

A. Authority

B. Order

C. Functionality

D. Harmony

For a biblical marriage to function and operate in harmony, the husband and wife each must understand what those roles and responsibilities are.

#### 4. The roles and responsibilities in marriage.

God made both man and woman in HIS image, but made them distinctively DIFFERENT.

God created the man and woman with equal dignity, value, and importance, but with distinctively different roles and responsibilities to live out within the marriage union.

Your role affects the whole!

Scriptures: Ephesians 5:21-33

Scripture: I. Peter 3:1-7

### Roles and Responsibilities for wives

- A. Help
- B. Submit
- C. Respect

### Roles and Responsibilities for husbands

- A. Love his wife deeply.
- B. Lay down his life sacrificially.
- C. Lead his wife purposefully.