

## **The Blueprint for marriage.**

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We are living in a world in which the longest lasting institution in our world is under attack.

Marriage expectations are changing among Generation Z and millennials, with two in five people surveyed stating they believe marriage is an outdated tradition, according to a [new survey](#) from the Thriving Center of Psychology.

While the traditional ideas surrounding marriage may be shifting, 83% of participants said they would like to get married at some point. Though, 85% also reported that they don't feel marriage is needed to "have a fulfilling and committed relationship."

Over 1 in 6 said they do not plan on getting married, with 17% of millennials and 7% of Gen Z feeling this way, according to the poll.

The report found the cost and current economy appears to be a barrier for young adults, with 73% stating they felt it's too expensive to get married.

**"2 in 5 young adults surveyed say marriage an outdated tradition"**

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According to us census bureau, Tucson is rated the 15th on the most unmarried couples living together.

Add to all this we are in the midst of a culture that is championing the pride of the LGBTQ lifestyle all month long.

The institution of marriage was founded long before it was a campaign slogan, a tax benefit, a consequence of pregnancy, a tool for governmental alliance, a cultural expectation, a way to consolidate wealth or power, an exchange of property, or any other way it has been altered, perverted, or corrupted over the centuries

For the next few moments, I want to draw your attention to the sacred text as we discover what the Author of the Institution of Marriage has to say about what He created.

## **Why God instituted Marriage**

1. It demonstrates a relationship with the Divine.

We see first in Genesis 1:27...

2. Adam needed companionship. Eve needed purpose.

3. It established roles and function for husbands and wives.

It allows men to...

Establish a distinct separation and assume a new leadership role.

It allows women to...

Be sought after, protected, treasured, and entangled in love.

## ***Application:***

1. Do Marriage God's way.

Our success in the God-ordained institution of marriage is contingent on our commitment to the Scriptural principles of the marriage.

2. Serve your spouse by meeting their needs.

Allow the yearnings of your spouse's needs to be fulfilled.

Be a good friend. Encourage them to live out their purpose

3. Be a 3-fold cord.

Live out the Divine expression of the family in your everyday life.