



5-Day Bible Reading Plan: Building a Kingdom Marriage

Day 1: The Divine Blueprint

Reading: Genesis 2:18-25

Devotional

Before governments, institutions, or cultures existed, God established marriage. He created Adam, fashioned Eve, and declared them one flesh. This wasn't a human experiment but a divine design. Marriage began in the mind of God, reflecting His unity, love, and glory. When we build our marriages on cultural trends or personal preferences instead of God's blueprint, we construct on sinking sand. Today, ask yourself: Is Christ the architect of my marriage, or have I allowed the world to redesign what God ordained? Return to the original blueprint. God's design isn't restrictive—it's the pathway to flourishing. What God establishes, only God can properly define.

Day 2: Leaving, Cleaving, and Becoming One

Reading: Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4-6

Devotional

God's three-part marriage blueprint—leave, cleave, become one—remains unchanged. Leaving requires shifting your relational priorities so your spouse becomes your closest human relationship. Cleaving means holding fast through difficulties, refusing to abandon covenant when feelings fade. Becoming one transcends physical intimacy; it encompasses emotional, spiritual, and missional unity. Many marriages struggle because couples try building new houses on old priorities or quit when challenges arise. Covenant love isn't convenient—it's committed. Today, evaluate: Have you truly left? Are you actively cleaving? Are you pursuing oneness in every dimension? Kingdom marriages require intentional effort. Unity doesn't happen accidentally; it's forged through shared trust, sacrifice, faith, and purpose.

Day 3: The Beauty of Biblical Submission

Reading: Ephesians 5:22-24; Philippians 2:5-8

Devotional

Submission has been tragically misunderstood. Biblical submission isn't inferiority, silence, or weakness—it's voluntary alignment with God's order for unity and mission. The same Greek word describes Christ submitting to the Father. Was Christ inferior? Never. Submission reflects divine order, not human domination. When a wife honors her husband "as unto the Lord," she's worshiping through trust in God's design. This requires tremendous spiritual strength, wisdom, and courage. A godly wife isn't passive; she's a powerful stabilizing force bringing discernment, insight, and strength to her home. Today, wives, ask: Am I reflecting Christ's willing submission? Husbands, ask: Am I leading in a way worthy of honor? Christlike submission is beautiful because it looks like Jesus.

Day 4: Sacrificial Love: The Husband's High Calling

Reading: Ephesians 5:25-33; 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Devotional

Paul commands husbands to love their wives six times in nine verses. Why the repetition? Because men naturally drift toward selfishness and passivity rather than sacrificial love. Biblical headship isn't privilege—it's responsibility. Christ didn't demand submission; He demonstrated love by going to the cross. Husbands, you don't prove leadership by speaking loudly but by loving deeply. Your calling is washing your wife with the Word, covering her in prayer, setting the spiritual tone, and leading like Christ—through sacrifice. Adam failed by remaining passive when the serpent questioned God's Word. Don't repeat his mistake. Be Word-filled, spiritually active, and intentionally protective. When you love with 1 Corinthians 13 love—patient, kind, humble, forgiving—your marriage becomes a sermon without words.

Day 5: Marriage as Gospel Proclamation

Reading: Ephesians 5:31-33; 1 John 4:7-12

Devotional

Marriage is a "great mystery" because it illustrates Christ and His Church. Your union isn't merely horizontal; it's vertical—a living theological statement. When you love sacrificially, forgive quickly, honor consistently, and persevere through storms, you preach the Gospel without a microphone. The world knows conditional love but starves for covenant love that only comes from Christ. Your unity becomes evangelism. Your forgiveness becomes discipleship. Your home becomes a sanctuary where people see Jesus clearly. This is why marriage matters eternally—it's the Gospel in motion. Today, ask: Does our marriage reflect Christ's love? Do people see His faithfulness in our covenant? Let your marriage become a portrait painted with patience, kindness, humility, and enduring love that points a broken world to the Healer.