



Marriage and Morality for the Christ Follower

Matthew 22:37-39 (ESV)

And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

1. God, Creator of Male and Female, Creator of Marriage

- Genesis 1:26-27, 2:15-18, 21-25 – Malachi 2:15
 - The _____ covenant was designed by God for a man and a woman.
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2. Marriage Without A Relationship with God Was Not The Pattern From the Beginning. Jesus affirms Genesis.

- Genesis 6:1-3, 5-6 – Matthew 19:4-8
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3. For the Christ-follower in a Fallen World, Choices Make A Path.

- Romans 7:13-14 – Romans 12:2 – Hebrews 13:4-6
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4. Choose and Act Wisely in Relationships. Follow the Bible.

- 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 --Ephesians 5:1-3 -- Hebrews 13:4-6
- 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 Contrasts **works of unrighteousness** with the **transformative work of Jesus Christ**.
- Ephesians 5:16-28 Contrasts the **works of the flesh** and **works of the Spirit**.
- **Hebrews 13:4-6** illustrates the PLACE of marriage and the PATH of marital destruction.

5. Through what Christ has done, we can be transformed, conforming to His pattern (Hebrews 1:1-2)

Keeping it Fresh in Marriage

1. Stay fresh with JESUS. Actively love. Repent of unrighteousness.
2. Time, Talk, Touch ... an easy trio to remember
3. Apply 2 Peter 1:8-9 in your marriage relationship.
4. Questions for Reflection
 - ☐ Do your children know that you are affectionate and love each other?
 - ☐ Do you have special times, they witness, that are about the two of you?
 - ☐ Do you practice praise and respect for each other?
 - ☐ Do you know that you do not own your own body? Your spouse does.
 - ☐ Do you know the Lord intended you to develop your own Song of Solomon? Ruth and Song of Solomon speak careful and full love.
 - ☐ Can your friends and children say, "I want to be married like you?"
 - ☐ Do you know there is specific guidance for your relationship in the Bible?

Helene Relief Opportunities

Western NC Hurricane Relief

1. **Pray** for **THOSE** impacted by the storm. (FL, GA, SC, NC, VA)
2. **Recommended Church Ministry Partners (Amazon Wish Lists)**
 - The Rock Boone Church <https://www.therockboone.church/>
 - Harvest House Church <https://www.hhcboone.org>
3. **Local Collection Point:** Sanford First Baptist Church / 202 Summit Drive.
4. **Financial Contributions:**
 - **Check memo:** Disaster Relief
 - **Online giving:** Disaster Relief
5. **Sign up** if you can assist with on-site clean-up/repairs (Dates TBD)
 - **10:30 today in the "Prayer Corner" for more information**