

4 Foundational Laws of Marriage

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- I. 4 Foundational Laws of Marriage
 - A. The Laws of God
 1. **(Jos. 1:8 NIV)** Everything God creates is made to succeed. But all things operate by laws and principles and the Bible is the instruction manual for how to live by them.
 - a. God's Word is law like the laws that govern gravity, aerodynamics and electricity; only more sure and reliable. They are immutable, indiscriminate and infallible.
 - b. (Rom. 8:2; Rom. 3:27)
 - (Prov. 16:11 AMP)
 - (ref. Matt. 7:24-27; 24:35)
 - B. **(Gen. 2:24-25 KJV; ref. Eph. 5:31)** 4 Foundational Laws of Marriage
 1. The Law of Priority – **(Gen. 2:24a)** *“Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother...”*
 - a. Reprioritization of relationships
 - b. Marriage only works in 1st place
 - c. Legitimate jealousy – **(Exo. 34:14 NLT)**
 - d. How to establish and maintain the right priorities in marriage.
 - Priority has to be proven in real terms and not just words.
 - Sacrifice – what will you give up for me?
 - Time – the commodity of relationships
 - Energy – effort in the relationship
 - Attitude – “I want to be with you.”
 - You constantly have to protect your marriage from good things out of priority.
 - God/spouse/children/church/work
 2. The Law of Pursuit – **(Gen. 2:24b)** *“...and shall cleave unto his wife...”*
 - a. cleave – to adhere firmly and closely or loyally and unwaveringly; to pursue with all energy.

- Marriage is work! When you're dating you work to get them, but often take them for granted when we get them.
- b. Marriage is not two perfectly compatible people with no problems. Marriage is two very different people with a lot of incompatibility who work at it.
 - c. Emotions most likely will not always be there!
 - d. The grass is greener on the other side syndrome!
 - e. Marriage operates on the "manna principle."
 - Regular date times.
 - f. You must work at being your best for each other.
3. The Law of Possession – **(Gen. 2:24c)** "*...and they shall be one flesh.*"
 - a. Marriage is about sharing full ownership of everything in life: time, money, children, and bodies etc.
 - Most challenging in blended families.
 - b. No longer independence, but interdependence.
 - c. Oneness not dominance!
 - d. **(1 Cor. 7:2-5 NLT)** sex in marriage
 4. The Law of Purity – **(Gen. 2:25)** "*And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.*"
 - a. Transparency in everything! Nakedness without shame!
 - b. Never shaming each other but feeling safe about being transparent about everything.
 - c. After Adam/Eve sinned they put on fig leaves over their genitals and blamed each other for their wrong.
 - We must be willing to admit our wrong, repent so we can remain naked.