

MARRIAGE & FAMILY, PART 2

Building a Godly Marriage

1. What direction did God give for marriage and family? (Genesis 1:27-28, 2:24)
2. What type of person does God want for us as we seek a marriage partner? (Proverbs 12:4, 18:22, 19:14, 31:10-31, Psalm 112:1-9)
3. Ephesians 5:22-33 is perhaps the most comprehensive passage of scripture describing the marriage roles. What does it tell us about our commitment in marriage?
4. How do the following scriptures add to our understanding of our frame of mind in marriage? (Genesis 2:18, 1 Corinthians 11:3, Colossians 3:16-19, 1 Peter 3:1-7, 1 John 4:20)
5. What level of oneness does God want for our marriage? Why does God instruct us not to deprive one another? (Read 1 Corinthians 7:1-5 to answer questions 5-8)
6. What are the principles that we can apply to Christ and the church?

7. How does God's instruction provide stability to the marriage as well as the whole family unit?
8. What happens when there fails to be an intimacy between the husband and wife?

Point to Ponder: Men, in what ways can you render affection to your wife? Women, in what ways can you give affection to your husband?

9. How does the relationship described in Ezekiel 16:1-14 between the Lord and Israel relate to Christ and the church?
10. As described in Ezekiel 16:15-43, how did Israel repay the Lord for His goodness and love? How does 1 Corinthians 6:13-20 relate to the passage in Ezekiel?
11. We must maintain purity in our marriages. What warnings are given in Matthew 5:27-32 and James 1:13-15 to protect us from harming the marriage relationship?
12. What is the fruit of adultery in a marriage relationship? How does this affect the family unit?

Point to Ponder: It is interesting to note that in two of the Ten Commandments, purity in marriage is mentioned – the 7th commandment and the 10th commandment. Fidelity in marriage is so important to God!

13. What does adultery invariably lead to?

14. What is God's view of divorce? (Malachi 2:10-16)

15. What did Jesus communicate about the marriage commitment? (Matthew 19:3-9)

Points to Ponder: Notice the role that God plays in the marriage union by the words “What God has joined together...” In the same way, children are an inseparable union of a husband and wife, forever a reflection of two people creating one being. How awesome!

16. What was Paul's view of the importance of the marriage commitment? (1 Corinthians 7:10-16)

17. For what purpose does God instruct a believer to continue in a peaceful family relationship with an unbeliever? How does 1 Peter 3:1-2 relate to this passage in 1 Corinthians?

18. In what ways can our application of 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 improve and solidify our marriages?