

Marriage

Matters

Chapter 1 – Before You Say “I Do”

Genesis 2:24

“Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.”

More Important: Wedding or Marriage ?

Which do we spend more time planning ?

Marriage is a permanent relationship between man and woman designed by God!

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Who’s Marriage Does God Approve ?

One who has never married

One that lost a spouse to death

One that has endured the heartbreaking trauma of putting away their mate for sexual unfaithfulness

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Statistics

Man + Woman Get Married!

50% Will End in Divorce (CDC.gov)

50% Last ← YAAY! YIPEE! HURRAY!

X % Genuinely Happy ?

**Y % Hanging on for kids ? Loveless ?
Abusive ? Misery ?**

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I. God is the Architect

Proverbs 24:3-4

“Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established: And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.”

Are we really married as God intended or simply sharing the same last name and address ?

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A. Goal: Build, Establish, Fill

Build Looking to God for Foundation

Psalm 127:1

“Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it”

Establish – Commitment and Patience

Riches – NOT STUFF, but Devotion to Spouse and Family

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What is YOUR home like ?

Furnishings ? Flooring ?

Kitchen ? Size ?

Location ?

Want YOUR home to be
like your Parents ?

STUFF *OR* RELATIONSHIP



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A. Cost

Wisdom – Spiritual Discernment

Understanding – Listening for Right Reason

Ephesians 5:25 “Husbands, love your wives”

Husbands: How do YOU plan to understand her?

LISTEN! Verbal and Non-Verbal

Talk with her, ask questions, **PAY ATTENTION!**

Man: Are you willing to lead the family as God intends ?

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Wives: Understand your husband.

How do YOU plan on doing this ?

Explain “Men are hard-wired to hunt.”

Reasons to Listen ?

- Get Ammo for Next Argument ?**
- Validate an Existing Bad Characteristic ?**
- Learn what they Like and Don't like ?**

Woman: Are you willing to be lead by your husband ?

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PRINCIPLE of SEVERANCE

“therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother”

Parents: Let Your Children Go!

Be ready to stand on your own *OR* don't get married.

**Still love, respect and care for your parents
(1 Timothy 5:4, 8)**

Explain “Your Standards will Change.”

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PRINCIPLE of Permanence

“and shall cleave unto his wife”

Stick Like Glue

Permanent (Romans 7:2)

No Surrender or Giving Up

Love is Commitment !

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God is the Architect and Designer.

Who’s Marriage Does God Approve ?

Goal: Build, Establish, Fill

Beware of Stuff !

Cost: Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge

Principles of Severance and Permanence