

So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Genesis 1:27-28 (NIV)

## Foundations

1. Marriage is a \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_

"'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'... So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate." Matthew 19:5-6 (NIV)

2. Marriage has the ultimate aim of \_\_\_\_\_\_

Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt His name together. Psalm 34:3 (NIV)

This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. Ephesians 5:32 (NIV)

3. Marriage is sustained jointly living in \_\_\_\_\_

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Ephesians 5:21 (NIV)

From the fullness of His grace we have all received one blessing after another.

John 1:16 (NIV)

## 4. Marriage has \_\_\_\_\_

However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

Ephesians 5:33 (NIV)

Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?

2 Corinthians 6:14 (NIV)

## Let Not Man...

When Jesus had finished saying these things, He left Galilee and went into the region of Judea to the other side of the Jordan. Large crowds followed Him, and He healed them there. Some Pharisees came to Him to test Him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?"

Matthew 19:1-3 (NIV)

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"I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, and marries another woman commits adultery."

Matthew 19:9 (NIV)

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But if the unbeliever leaves, let him do so. A believing man or woman is not bound in such circumstances; God has called us to live in peace. 1 Corinthians 7:15 (NIV)

"I hate divorce," says the LORD God of Israel...So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith.

Malachi 2:16 (NIV)

"God's goal for \_\_\_\_\_\_ is always \_\_\_\_\_!"

Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

Hebrews 13:4 (NIV)