

Having A Good Journey In Marriage



Hebrews 13:4

- **“Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.” NKJV**
- **Statements About Marriage - Genesis 2:18-22**
 1. **Marriage is the most important decision a person will make next to his eternal destiny in salvation.**
 2. **Choosing a life’s partner for marriage must not be taken without careful and prayerful consideration.**
 3. **Nowhere in Scripture does God ever command: “Thou shall be married.”**
 4. **Marriage is the first institution God created.**
 5. **Love is not the foundation for marriage (Prov. 4:7-8).**
 - **Wisdom is supreme; therefore, get wisdom.**
 - **The most misunderstood element of relationship is love.**
 - **There are Four Types of Love**
 - A. **Philio – brotherly**
 - B. **Eros – fleshly**
 - C. **Sterego – friendship**
 - D. **Agape – divine – God kind of love**
 6. **There are many marriages in trouble today.**
 - **You can’t afford to have a bad marriage.**
 - **Marriage is to be honored by all believers.**
 - **The word “honor” means highly esteem, counted as the most precious, warm and tender bond, held as the most valuable of bonds.**
- 1. **Understand the origin and purpose of marriage.**
 - **The Christian believer’s marriage not only shares passion, but more important it has a purpose.**
 - **“Marriage is a covenant made publicly between a man (born male) and woman (born female), for the purpose of fulfilling the will of God in our generation.**
 - **When God established marriage, he established it to last.**

A. The purpose of marriage (Gen. 1:26-28). God established marriage in a perfect environment.

- We can see that from the outset of this passage on marriage, Adam and Eve were to reflect the triune image of God – unity in the middle of diversity.
- Our goal and purpose is not only to mirror God in the visible realm, but also to transfer the picture of that image to our children.

B. Ruling together (Gen. 1:28). God gave Adam and Eve the commission to rule.

- God's creation of humanity came after the rebellion of Satan as a way of setting the human to rule over God's created order (Psalm. 8:3-6).
- God established a kingdom on earth that would rule over and defeat the kingdom of Satan.
- However, for now, God has issued a purpose for you and me – to harness and rule a part of His creation.
- When God established the first family, He stated that He would rule independently of them.
- The battle that is taking place today is not between God and Satan.
- God has delegated the managerial responsibility for ruling on earth.
- The problem with most couples is that they follow suit with Satan, seeking ownership rights, not just management responsibilities.
- You can have a happy marriage or a miserable marriage depending on whether or not you exercise your rule as a reflection of God's image.
- Satan either tries to get us to relinquish our management and hand it over to him, or he tries to get us to manage poorly based on our own judgments and distorted world views.
- We will face problems and challenges in our marriages, but these conflicts should cause us to seek and apply the power of God not divorce our spouses.