

Husbands And Wives

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Introduction:

There a is lot being said about marriage and how God created it. Society is redefining it; some are ignoring it; others are enduring it. The happier the marriage the better for everyone involved. Society is blessed when our homes are functioning properly, husbands and wives want to be happy. So, we want to look at husbands and wives in this lesson. *Genesis 1.26-27; 2.18-25.*

I) The Creation of Marriage, *Genesis 1 & 2*

A) She would be a companion for man.

1. Companionship is a part of any marriage, important in our lives as we are social creatures.
2. Why did God make Eve? Because Adam needed a companion.

B) There was to be cooperation, working together.

C) She would be a helper not a hindrance.

D) She would be suitable for man. *Proverbs 18.22*

II) The Cooperation of Marriage, *1 Peter 3.1-6*

A) Requires an attitude of submission (a yielding to, a giving way to)

1. *Ephesians 5.33* we find it easier to yield to someone we respect or have a sense of reverence for.

- a. Many years ago I heard a Dr. Dobson on a show called Focus on The Family say that you cannot love someone you do not respect.
 - b. While we may yield to someone we do not respect, we will not do so with the attitude required of us.
2. The word used here "respect" suggest the idea of service. *Ephesians 5.21,22* to literally put yourself under.

B) Obedience, *Ephesians 5.24, 21.*

1. How is the church subject to Christ? The church follows His commands, example.
2. The wife is to adorn herself, clothe herself in this fashion, *1 Peter 3.3-4*. Which starts with the attitude of gentleness.
3. This will then be displayed in the activity of service, *1 Peter 3.5-6*

III) Honoring Marriage, *1 Peter 3.7* (Here is the God given role for the husband)

A) Acceptance- dwell with her, live with her.

1. Due to the laws of our nation it is easy to enter and exit a marriage.
2. Due to our social norms today it is easy to separate, have "open marriages". Last year Ken Weliever spoke of a couple who made the national news as it was a about one man with two wives.

3. Marriage is a relationship that one lives in.

B) Awareness - dwell with her ... according to knowledge, in an understanding way.

1. Men and women are different emotionally.
2. Again it takes effort, work to understand the other person in the marriage.

C) Adjustment - dwell with her... as with the weaker vessel.

1. Perhaps referring partly to the physical nature of men and women. Men tend to be taller, stronger.
2. But weaker does not mean less valuable.

D) Appreciate-dwell with her... giving honor, *Prov. 31.28-31.*

1. When we appreciate something or someone it means we are not taking it or them for granted.
2. It means we understand the sacrifices they have made for us.
3. It means we see what they are doing.

IV) Resulting in Harmony in the Marriage Relationship, 1 Peter 3.7 "Joint Heirs"

A) Marriage problems exist because

1. A lack of submission-to God and to each other.
2. Disobedience - rebellion in the marriage by either party.

3. Lack of understanding which often is seen in lack of communication
4. Lack of appreciation.

V) Commitment of Marriage

A) God joins the couple together, *Matthew 19.6*.

1. The promise people make in marriage is similar to that when one obeys the Gospel.
 - a. To believe - to have faith in each other
 - b. To repent - forsake all others
 - c. To confess - your love for each other
 - d. To be baptized - to enter into this new relationship
 - e. To be faithful till death - both in Christ and in your marriage.

B) Consider Abraham and Sarah, *1 Peter 3*

1. Sarah died after living for 127 years, *Genesis 23.1*
2. Abraham mourned for her.

Conclusion:

A number of years ago I went to a funeral. The couple, parents of a member of the church I was preaching at, had been married for over 75 years. The man had died and she said to me "We were lovers." They were in love with each other and they showed their love every day.