

Introducing Marriage  
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I. Why Study Marriage

- A. The study of marriage is necessary because it is also a study of how to be an effective and faithful Christian. Marriage and Christianity have a lot in common.
- B. Marriage is a judgment issue

II The Purpose of Marriage

- A. Genesis 2:18-24 – Marriage was created because it is not good to be alone
- B. Design: 1 Man, 1 Woman, 1 Life
  - 1. Created by God
  - 2. Matthew 19 – man is not permitted to sever
- C. Peter's purpose: Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered. (I Peter 3:7)
  - 1. Harmony: the ability to dwell in peace

III. The great example of Marriage and understanding

- A. Christ and the Church
  - 1. Christ Communicates with the Church by the Word of God
    - a. Hebrews 1:1
    - b. II Timothy 3:16-17
    - c. This communication covers all things
  - 2. The church communicates to Christ
    - a. All things – Philippians 4:6
- B. We therefore need to meet this example in marriage
  - 1. Communicating all things to establish understanding
  - 2. James 1:19
    - a. The art of listening
    - b. The art of speaking
    - c. Calm and reasonable

IV. The great example of Marriage and honor

- A. Honor and Respect are vital to harmony
  - 1. They demonstrate understanding
- B. Christ and the church
  - 1. The Honor given by Christ to the Church
    - a. Ephesians 5:26-27
    - b. to the purpose of perfecting the church
  - 2. The Honor the church gives Christ
    - a. Worship and praise
- C. Respect in Marriage means:
  - 1. Seeking the good of others
  - 2. Deny Ourselves