

## THE PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE

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### I. Laying a **FOUNDATION** for marriage.

**Romans 8:28-29** – And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. 9 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

1. God's goal for your marriage: To be \_\_\_\_\_. (Rom 8:28-29)

2. Where is your marital \_\_\_\_\_? (Goal?)

3. What makes two people \_\_\_\_\_ mates?

**Ephesians 5:31-33** For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." 32 This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. 33 However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

4. There are four \_\_\_\_\_ to being human:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. You cannot be *biblical* soul mates if you are not both committed

\_\_\_\_\_!

**2 Corinthians 6:14-15** Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?

6. Is your \_\_\_\_\_ built on God's Word & Jesus Christ?

**1 Corinthians 3:11** For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

### II. Five **PURPOSES** of marriage.

1. To **mirror** (reflect) God's \_\_\_\_\_.

**Genesis 1:26-27** Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, ... 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female He created them.

a. God made two distinctly different humans (male and female) so that \_\_\_\_\_ they would reflect the image of God.

b. \_\_\_\_\_ affirms that sexual expression is reserved for one man and one woman for a lifetime in marriage.

**Matthew 19:4-6** "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' 5 and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'[b]? 6 So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

2. To **multiply** a godly \_\_\_\_\_.

**Genesis 1:28a** God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it..."

a. God created men and women as his \_\_\_\_\_ who would glorify Him on earth.

b. Healthy oneness in marriage \_\_\_\_\_ critical identity issues for kids..

3. To **manage** God's \_\_\_\_\_.

**Genesis 1:28b** Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

a. God gave mankind \_\_\_\_\_ over His creation to manage it and make it a productive reflection of Him.

4. To **mutually** complete one \_\_\_\_\_.

**Genesis 2:18** The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

**1 Corinthians 11:11** In the Lord, however, woman is not independent of man, nor is man independent of woman.

a. \_\_\_\_\_ fulfills aloneness needs.

b. Oneness is necessary in order for a husband and wife to mutually \_\_\_\_\_ one another.

5. To **model** Christ's relationship with the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ephesians 5:31-33**

a. Marriage is a \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ's relationship with His bride, the church.

### III. Summary.

1. The foundation for marriage is a relationship with \_\_\_\_\_.

2. God's purpose for marriage: To reflect the \_\_\_\_\_ of God!

3. Will you \_\_\_\_\_ God's purposes in your marriage?