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# FAMILY LIFE

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COURSE OUTLINE (4 HOURS)

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## FAMILY LIFE

Family life is a course about the dynamics of a good marriage and a successful home.

### What is marriage?



#### > DEFINITION:

- It is the life – time union of man and woman as husband and wife. Gen.2:24
- It's the oldest institution ordained by God. It is a unique relationship ordained by God where a man and a woman receive satisfaction of their body and health desires.
- It is a life time relationship. It is the only relationship which unites a man and a woman in three dimensions; spirit, soul and body.

Picking a life partner has to be according to God's standards. Heb.6:1; Amos 3:3. You unite and you belong to one another. 1Cor.7:1; Heb.7:25

True marriage is the union of man and woman who are believers. 2Cor.6:14-16

LIGHT	DARKNESS
Righteousness	Unrighteousness
Temples of God	Idol Temples
Walk in Love	Walk in Lust

## >> **MARRIAGE IS A COVENANT:**

**A covenant** is a formal contractual agreement between two people where each one lays down something as a pre-requisite. It is written and sealed.

In a covenant of marriage you sign on a marriage certificate which indicates that you have died to yourself. Mal.2:13-15; Matt.19:3-6.

## >> **PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE:**

- **Team work:** God never intended for man to be and to live alone. Man is to get support, complement, adaptability, and commitment. Gen.2:18; 1Cor.7:1
- **Spiritual reinforcement:** God wanted man to live on earth as powerful team in dominion. Two people do much more than one. Eccl.4:9-10; Deut.32:30; Matt.18:18.
- **Friendship and Fellowship:** Man was created a social being. They are responsible for making their homes conducive for warm relationships and to enjoy each other sexually (Prov.5:18). Prov.19:13; 21:9, 19; 26:21.

- **Development and multiplication:** God wants the two to be productive, to build their house and home according to God's principles. Prov.14:1; Prov.31:10.
- **Procreation: This is child bearing:** God wanted man and woman to be fruitful and fill the earth through child bearing. Barrenness is a curse which must be rejected as a lie of the devil. However, we have to bear children we can take care of well. Gen.1:28; Ps.127:3; 128:3-4.

### > > **GOD'S CONCEPT OF MARRIAGE:**

1. **Marriage is good and honorable:** when God created everything He saw that it was good. Gen.2:24; Heb.13:4. Since marriage came from God, therefore it is good.
2. **Marriage involves leaving:** the two people have to get parental independence so they may be responsible for their own lives and decide for themselves. Parents should not control their children while they are married. Gen.2:24
3. **Marriage is cleaving:** the two people have to cleave together. God wants to see one flesh out of husband and wife. This has to be reflected in their communication, their compatibility, their sex life, and the way they handle issues. 1Cor.7:3-5; Eph.5:21ff
4. **Marriage is for man and woman:** God wanted man and woman not boy and girl. A person must be old enough and able to handle responsibilities that go with marriage. 'If a grown up man behaves as a child, it will force the wife to behave as a mother and not a wife, a male is born, to be a man is a choice' (Edwin Cole). Mark 10:7

## >> **RESPONSIBILITIES IN MARRIAGE: (EPH.5:21FF):**

- **Man's responsibility:**


Man has been appointed by God as the head of the wife (Eph.5:23). This is a role and not superiority. Male and female are equal. Man is the head of the government of the home. Gen.3:9,23-24. The husband is the head, the prophet and the priest in his home. He is the bread earner of the family. The husband is to loudly and expressively love his wife. He should treat her delicately according to 1Pet.3:7. This is in spite what has happened to her appearance or changed in her shape. This is directly linked to his prayers.

- **Woman's responsibility:**

Woman was appointed by God as the helper of the husband (Gen.2:18). Her role is to submit to the husband. Submission does not mean to even sin because the husband has told you so. Submission is putting on a quiet and a contrite spirit (1Pet.3:1ff). Submission is building a home with wisdom (Prov.14:1). It is looking after children well and being very attractive to her husband (Prov.31:10).

## >> **PREREQUISITES FOR A MARRIAGE PARTNER:**

1. **Must be a born again:** Abraham made his servant to swear that he would get a wife for his son from Abraham's kindred. This reflects in the New Testament as born – again fraternity. God commanded the Israelites never to marry Gentiles. This reflects in the New



Testament as a commandment not to marry non born – against. Gen.24:1ff; Prov.18:22; 1Cor.7:39; Deut.7:3-5; Joshua23:12; Neh.13:23.

## **2. Finding a Partner:**

- It must be a man and a woman, not boys and girls.
- First there must be a desire to marry. Ruth 3:1ff
- You should get information about marriage in order to get the right perspective.
- You get involved in Kingdom service.
- Learn to make yourself 'fit'.
- Commit yourself unto the Lord.
- Take a deep sleep.
- Open both your physical and spiritual eyes.
- It should be the man to search for a wife, not the woman to search for a husband. Prov. 18: 22
- You find a partner through making friendships not by manipulation through dreams, prophecies and the like

## **3. Courtship:**

- It is a period when you have found a partner and you begin to lay a foundation for marriage. You need to keep yourself undefiled by avoiding dark secluded spots where you are just two (mistrust always sets in after committing fornication).
- This is a time of knowing each other minus sex.
- It is a time of visiting different concerned relatives.
- It is a time of knowing and learning

## >> **ENGAGEMENT AND WEDDING PREPARATIONS:**

- This is a formal public introduction to your parents and relatives. It is not marriage. Dowry is scriptural and cultural. (Gen. 24:52 – 54).
- Cohabiting is not Christian tradition after introduction.
- Don't borrow to impress people because a borrower is a servant to the lender. Also God promised to make our weddings. (Matt. 22:1ff)
- Don't rely heavily on the church; engage your family for funding.
- Give a tithe of all you get from the wedding preparatory meetings and be transparent with your budget. Prov. 3:9

## >> **PLANNING FOR MARRIAGE:**

### **1. Before Marriage, a man should at least have the following:**

- A house (able to rent or build one)
- A sizable home utilities like sufurias, plates, cups and others.
- A job that can help at the beginning
- A good working relationship with his family.

### **2. Before marriage, a woman should have the following:**

- Some good clothing, shoes and cosmetics kit
- Some property that can add to her partner's
- Possess some skills in different areas that can make a good home.



### 3. **Wedding:**

- You need a plan and a budget for your wedding
- You should make a budget that fits your faith (big enough)
- You should not look to people for your provisions but God
- Look beyond your honeymoon and dream big.



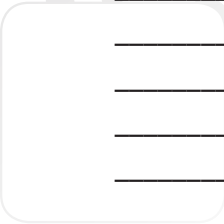
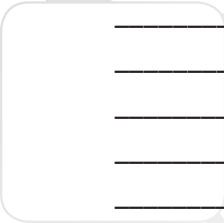
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