

The Relevance and Responsibilities of Marriage

1 Corinthians 7:1-6

Genesis 4:19

- Then Lamech took for himself **two wives**: the name of one *was* Adah, and the name of the second *was* Zillah.

Matthew 19:4-6

- And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made *them* at the beginning 'made them **male and female,**' and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore **what God has joined together,** let not man separate."

Matthew 19:7-8

- They said to Him, "Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?"
- He said to them, "Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so."

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Viewpoints to correct

- “All things are lawful for me.” (1 Cor 6:12)
- “Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods.” (1 Cor 6:13)
- “It’s good for a man not to touch a woman.” (1 Cor 7:1)

Genesis 2:18

- And the LORD God said, "*It is not good that man should be alone*; I will make him a helper comparable to him."

Ephesians 5:25-27

- Husbands, love your wives, just **as Christ also loved the church** and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

Ephesians 5:32

- This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

1 Corinthians 7:27-28

- Are you bound to a wife? **Do not seek to be loosed**. Are you loosed from a wife? Do not seek a wife. But even **if you do marry, you have not sinned**; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. Nevertheless such will have trouble in the flesh, but I would spare you.

1 Corinthians 7:36, 38

- But if any man thinks he is behaving improperly toward his virgin, if she is past the flower of youth, and thus it must be, let him do what he wishes. **He does not sin; let them marry.**
- So then **he who gives *her* in marriage does well**, but he who does not give *her* in marriage does better.

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Exodus 21:10-11

- "If he takes another *wife*, **he shall not diminish** her food, her clothing, and **her marriage rights**. And if he does not do **these three** for her, then she shall go out free, without *paying* money.

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Husband as Head of Household

- **1 Corinthians 11:3** But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, **the head of woman *is man***, and the head of Christ *is* God.
- **Ephesians 5:23** For **the husband is head of the wife**, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

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Ephesians 5:28-29

- So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord *does* the church.

Colossians 3:18-19

- Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.
- Husbands, love your wives and **do not be bitter** toward them.

1 Peter 3:3-5

- Do not let your adornment be *merely* outward -- arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on *fine* apparel -- rather *let it be* the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible *beauty* of a **gentle and quiet spirit**, which is very precious in the sight of God. For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, **being submissive to their own husbands,**

1 Peter 3:7

- 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.

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1 Peter 5:8

- Be sober, be vigilant; because **your adversary the devil** walks about like a roaring lion, **seeking whom he may devour.**

1 Timothy 4:1-3

- Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to **deceiving spirits** and **doctrines of demons**, **speaking lies** in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, **forbidding to marry**, *and commanding* to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.

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