

**Family Revival and Reformation Part 2  
How To Have A Happy Marriage  
Sermon Bible Study Notes  
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This sermon is especially for our youth, young adults, the married, and those contemplating marriage. So stay awake and pay close attention.

**True family revival and reformation starts with the marriage. A happy marriage makes a happy and unified family for the children to the parents. Marriage should never be taken lightly.**

**The very first marriage on the planet was between Adam and Eve. God created the institution of marriage from the very beginning of the world.**

**Genesis 2:20-25**

20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

23 And Adam said, This *is* now **bone of my bones**, and **flesh of my flesh**: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be **one flesh**.

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

**This was the very first wedding ceremony and earthly marriage.**

**Adam who had dominion over the earth named all the animals. They all had a companion. God gave Adam one of the greatest gifts a man can have.**

**“God's Purpose for the Husband and Wife.--God made from the man a woman, to be a companion and helpmeet for him, to be one with him, to cheer, encourage, and bless him, he in his turn to be her strong helper. All who enter into matrimonial relations with a holy purpose--the husband to obtain the pure affections of a woman's heart, the wife to soften and improve her husband's character and give it completeness--fulfill God's purpose for them.” Adventist Homes, p. 99.1**

**Why did God make woman from the rib of Adam?**

God made woman from the rib of Adam. The rib is close to the heart as a reminder to Adam that his woman is from and God should have the affections of his heart.

“Eve was created from a rib taken from the side of Adam, signifying that she was not to control him as the head, nor to be trampled under his feet as an inferior, but to stand by his side as an equal, to be loved and protected by him. A part of man, bone of his bone, and flesh of his flesh, she was his second self, showing the close union and the affectionate attachment that should exist in this relation. **"For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it." Ephesians 5:29. "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife; and they shall be one."** {Patriarchs and Prophets P 46.2}

**Marriage are two individuals who become one in purpose.**

Both man and woman who loves God will love each other. Marriage is one of the blessed gifts that God gave to humanity for those who trust in God. Marriage can be a curse for those who do not make Jesus the center of their relationship from the very beginning.

**True Marriage is legal contract between husband (man), wife (woman) and the God of heaven.**

Jesus says,

Matthew 19:6

6 **Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.**

### **Remember the Marriage vows**

#### Traditional Christian wedding vow

“I, (Name), take you, (Name), to be my wife/husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy law, in the presence of God I make this **vow.**”

### **1 Corinthians 7:10-15**

- 10 And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from *her* husband:
- 11 But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to *her* husband: and let not the husband put away *his* wife.
- 12 But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away.
- 13 And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him.
- 14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.
- 15 But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace.

There are many couples who put more time and effort in a wedding ceremony than in the marriage. These couples may not last long. **In order to have a happy marriage Jesus must be the center. This is critical.**

**Things that should be discussed and agreed upon before marriage:**

- 1.) Approximately how many children you want**
- 2.) How you want to educate your children? Homeschool or traditional school**
- 3.) Where you desire to live?**
- 4.) Will the wife stay home to raise the children?**
- 5.) Are both persons united on the Bible truth, ten commandments, and end time Bible prophecy?**

**Marriage should never be rushed. Allow God to take the lead.**

**Some things to consider before marriage:**

- **Pray to God first for a compatible God loving person. (This part is very important) God is the best match maker.**
- **Never choose your spouse out of lust. Those marriages do not last long.**
- **Get to know the parents of your potential spouse. See how they raised him or her.**
- **See how the parents interact with each other.**
- **If couples have a hard time seeing eye to eye before marriage, they may not be compatible. It is better to be single than to be married to someone who is not compatible with you.**
- **Talk about money and how you plan to spend it.**
- **Do you both love Jesus? If one goes to church and the other does not before marriage, that marriage is not compatible.**

**2 Corinthians 6:14**

14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

- **You are not always going to agree but learn how to compromise with each other.**
- **Understand that marriage is a work and commitment of a lifetime.**
- **Marriage is what you both make it**

**Hebrews 13:4**

4 Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

“Let those who are contemplating marriage weigh every sentiment and watch every development of character in the one with whom they think to unite their life destiny. Let every step toward a marriage alliance be characterized by modesty, simplicity, sincerity, and an earnest purpose to please and honor God. Marriage affects the afterlife both in this world and in the world to come. A sincere Christian will make no plans that God cannot approve. {MH 359.1}

If you are blessed with God-fearing parents, seek counsel of them. Open to them your hopes and plans, learn the lessons which their life experiences have taught, and you will be saved many a heartache. Above all, make Christ your counselor. Study His word with prayer. {MH 359.2}

Under such guidance let a young woman accept as a life companion only one who possesses pure, manly traits of character, one who is diligent, aspiring, and honest, one who loves and fears God. Let a young man seek one to stand by his side who is fitted to bear her share of life's burdens, one whose influence will ennoble and refine him, and who will make him happy in her love.” {Ministry of Healing 359.3}

“Around every family there is a sacred circle that should be kept unbroken. Within this circle no other person has a right to come. Let not the husband or the wife permit another to share the confidences that belong solely to themselves.” {MH 361.1}

**What does Jesus say about divorce?****Matthew 19:7-9**

- 7 They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?
- 8 He saith unto them, **Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives:** but from the beginning it was not so.
- 9 **And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery:** and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.

About 50% of marriage outside the church and inside the church ends in divorce. Divorce was never God's plan from the beginning. Jesus does not recognize divorce unless a spouse committed adultery. This is why marriage to someone should be slowly contemplated and never rushed.

“ Neither the husband nor the wife should merge his or her individuality in that of the other. Each has a personal relation to God. Of Him each is to ask, "What is right?" "What is wrong?" "How may I best fulfill life's purpose?" Let the wealth of your affection flow forth to Him who gave His life for you. Make Christ first and last and best in everything. As your love for Him becomes deeper and stronger, your love for each other will be purified and strengthened. {MH 361.3}

The spirit that Christ manifests toward us is the spirit that husband and wife are to manifest toward each other. "As Christ also hath loved us," "walk in love." "As the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it." Ephesians 5:2, 24, 25. {MH 361.4}

Neither the husband nor the wife should attempt to exercise over the other an arbitrary control. Do not try to compel each other to yield to your wishes. You cannot do this and retain each other's love. Be kind, patient, and forbearing, considerate, and courteous. By the grace of God you can succeed in making each other happy, as in your marriage vow you promised to do."

### **Ministry of Healing p.361 – 362**

Always remember you cannot change your spouse. Only allow God to make changes in undesirable characters.

A good and happy marriage raises up good and happy children. God should be the foundation that keeps the marriage and family together in troubling and trying times.

If the marriage and the family unit is respected in our society and God is the foundation we would not have the challenges of mom or dad missing from the family unit.

### **Appeal**

Marriage is a very serious commitment. Make sure that you are married to Christ first before you consider marriage. Amen.