

A Biblical Marriage

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Christ's marriage to the Church

Revelation 19:6-9

6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! 7 Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for **the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.**" 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. 9 Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!' " And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

Defining marriage

Genesis 2:18, 21-24

18 And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper [5828 help] comparable to him." ...21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. 22 Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into **a woman, and He brought her to 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 a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Mark 10:6-9

6 But from the beginning of the creation, God 'made them male and female.' 7 'For this reason **a man** shall leave his father and mother and be joined to **his wife**, 8 and the two shall become one flesh'; 9 Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

Defining marriage

Psalm 128:3-4

3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine In the very heart of your house, Your children like olive plants All around your table. 4 Behold, thus shall the man be blessed Who fears the LORD.

Submit to each other

Ephesians 5:1-3

1 Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. 3 But **fornication** and all uncleanness or covetousness, **let it not even be named among you**, as is fitting for saints;

Ephesians 5:21-24

21 **submitting to one another** in the fear of God. 22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 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. 24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

Submit to each other

Ephesians 5:25-33

25 Husbands, love [25 to love in a social or moral sense, a deliberate assent of the will as a matter of principle, duty, and propriety] your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 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. 28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. 30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. 31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." 32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. 33 Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love [25] his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Submit to each other

Husbands, love, lead, listen, and be faithful.

Wives, love, follow, listen, and be faithful.

Love in marriage

Proverbs 18:22

He who finds a wife finds a good thing, And obtains favor from the LORD.

Philippians 2:1-5

1 Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, 2 fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. 3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind **let each esteem others better than himself**. 4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. 5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

Love in marriage

Titus 2:1-5

1 But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine: 2 that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience; 3 the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things-- 4 that they admonish the young women to **love their husbands, to love their children**, 5 to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

Husband lead, and wife follow

Ephesians 5:22

Wives, submit [5293 to subordinate (to put in a lower rank), obey. From word to arrange under] to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

Proverbs 31:10, 28-31

10 Who can find a virtuous [margin: Lit., woman of valor, in the sense of all forms of excellence] wife? For her worth is far above rubies... 28 Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her: 29 "Many daughters have done well, But you excel them all." 30 Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised. 31 Give her of the fruit of her hands, And let her own works praise her in the gates.

Husband lead, and wife follow

Mark 10:42-45

42 But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 43 Yet it shall not be so among you; but **whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant.** 44 And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

1 Peter 3:3-4

3 Do not let your adornment be merely outward--arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel-- 4 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.

Husband lead, and wife follow

1 Peter 3:5-6

5 For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands, 6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, *whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror* [Interlinear: of whom you became children, doing good and not fearing with any consternation (confusion, amazement, frustration)].

1 Peter 3:7-9

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.

8 Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; 9 **not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling**, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.

Proverbs 9:13

A foolish woman is clamorous; She is simple, and knows nothing.

Husband lead, and wife follow

1 Corinthians 7:3-5

3 Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband. 4 **The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.** 5 Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

1 Timothy 5:8

But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

Husband lead, and wife follow

Matthew 25:19-23

19 After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' 21 His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; **you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things**. Enter into the joy of your lord.' 22 He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' 23 His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

Listen

Ephesians 5:21-24

21 submitting to one another in the fear of God.

Proverbs 11:14

Where there is no counsel, the people fall; but
in the multitude of counselors there is safety.

Ephesians 4:26-27

26 "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, 27 nor give place to the devil.

Be faithful

Ephesians 5:3

But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints;

Boys will see what a father should be.

Girls will see what a mother should be.

Boys will see what a wife should be.

Girls will see what a husband should be.

10 commandments for husbands

1. Thou shalt put thy wife before thy mother, thy father, thy daughter, and thy son, for she is thy life-long companion.
2. Abuse not thy body either with excessive food, tobacco or drink, that thy days may be many and healthful in the presence of thy loved ones.
3. Permit neither thy business, nor thy hobby, to make of thee a stranger to thy children, for the precious gift a man giveth his family is his time.
4. Forget not the virtue of cleanliness.
5. Make not thy wife a beggar, but share willingly with her thy worldly goods.

10 commandments for husbands, contd.

6. Forget not to say, "I love you."
For even though your love be constant,
thy wife doth yearn to hear the words.

7. Remember that the approval of thy
wife is worth more than the admir-
ing glances of a hundred strangers.
Cleave unto her and forsake all
others.

8. Keep thy home in good repair, for
out of it cometh the joy of thy old
age.

9. Forgive with grace, for who among us
does not need to be forgiven?

10. Honor the Lord thy God all the days
of thy life, and thy children will
rise up and call thee blessed.

10 commandments for wives

1. Defile not thy body neither with excessive foods, tobacco nor alcohol, that thy days may be long in the house which thy husband provideth for thee.
2. Putteth thy husband before thy mother, thy father, thy daughter and thy son, for he is thy lifelong companion.
3. Thou shalt not nag.
4. Permit no one to tell thee that thou are having a hard time of it; neither thy mother, thy sister nor thy neighbor, for the Judge will not hold her guiltless who letteth another disparage her husband.
5. Thou shalt not withhold affection from thy husband, for every man loveth to be loved.

10 commandments for wives, contd.

6. Forget not the virtue of cleanliness and modest attire.
7. Forgive with grace, for who among us do not need forgiveness?
8. Remember that the frank approval of thy husband is worth more to thee than the admiring glances of a hundred strangers.
9. Keep thy home in good order, for out of it cometh the joys of thy old age.
10. Honor thy Lord thy God all the days of thy life, and thy children will rise and call thee blessed.