



God's Design for Marriage

Personal Walk with God



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Application from last week:

Have you ever repented of your sin and turned to Christ in faith? Is your primary goal in this life to deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Jesus?

If your marriage were being highlighted in Scripture, how would it fare? Would it be a good example or a bad example? What do you think needs to change in order for it to be a great example?

If your life were being highlighted in Scripture, how would it fare? Would it be a good example or a bad example? What do you think needs to change in order for it to be a great example?



General Purposes of Marriage

Companionship

Fill the earth

Physical Pleasure

Demonstration of Unity

Demonstration of Biblical Love

Demonstration of Biblical Submission

Primary Purpose of Marriage

Ephesians 1:5–6

⁵ He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,

⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

Ephesians 1:11–12

¹¹ also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will,

¹² to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory.

Primary Purpose of Marriage

Ephesians 1:13–14

¹³ In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,
¹⁴ who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.



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Life God's Way

Ephesians 1:3–4

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him...

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Life God's Way

Ephesians 2:8–10

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;

⁹ not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

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Marriage and the Church

Ephesians 2:19–21

¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household,
²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone,
²¹ in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord,

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The Christian Mandate

Ephesians 4:1–3

¹ Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called,

² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love,

³ being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

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The Christian Mandate

Ephesians 4:11–13

¹¹ And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers,

¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;

¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.



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The Christian Mandate

Consider Ephesians 4:17-5:21

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Don't Act Like Unbelievers

Ephesians 4:17-20

¹⁷ So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind,

¹⁸ being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart;

¹⁹ and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.

²⁰ **But you did not learn Christ in this way...**

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Lay Aside the Old Self

Ephesians 4:21-22

²¹ if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus,

²² that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit...

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Be Renewed in the Spirit of Your Mind

Ephesians 4:23-24

²³ and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind,
²⁴ and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God
has been created in righteousness and holiness of the
truth.

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Falsehood and Truth

Ephesians 4:25

²⁵ Therefore, laying aside falsehood, SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE of you WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, for we are members of one another.

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Anger and Sin

Ephesians 4:26-27

²⁶ BE ANGRY, AND yet DO NOT SIN; do not let the sun go down on your anger,

²⁷ and do not give the devil an opportunity.

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Steal Vs. Work

Ephesians 4:28

²⁸ He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with one who has need.

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Bad Vs. Good Speech

Ephesians 4:29

²⁹ Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.

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Consider the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 4:30

³⁰ Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

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Get Rid of:

Ephesians 4:31

³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

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Practice

Ephesians 4:32

³² Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

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Simply Stated:

Ephesians 5:1-2

¹ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children;

² and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.



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Moral Purity

Ephesians 5:3-10

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Moral Purity

Ephesians 5:11-14

¹¹ Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them;

¹² for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret.

¹³ But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light.

¹⁴ For this reason it says, "Awake, sleeper, And arise from the dead, And Christ will shine on you."

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Spiritually Focused

Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵ Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise,

¹⁶ making the most of your time, because the days are evil.

¹⁷ So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,

¹⁹ speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;

²⁰ always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father...

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Submission Introduced

Ephesians 5:21

²¹ and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

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Application

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Application

Are there things that you are doing that you should stop?

Are there ways you are thinking that you should stop?

Are there things that you are not doing that you should start?