

A romantic scene of a man and a woman walking away from the camera on a wooden pier. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow and silhouettes of the couple. The background shows a calm body of water and a distant shoreline with trees.

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Biblical Principles for Dating & Marriage

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Biblical Marriage and the Man

Theme:

"A godly husband is one who keeps Christ at the center of everything he does and is marked as a lover, learner and a leader of his wife."



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The Marriage Covenant

I, Mr. **Groom**, take you Ms. **Bride**, to be my wife.

- ✓ I commit to love you as Christ loves the church. (Eph. 5:25)
- ✓ I will lead you by serving you. (5:23)
- ✓ I will encourage you to treasure Christ above everything else in this world. (1 Pet.2:4-6)
- ✓ I will forgive you as Christ has forgiven me. (Eph. 4:32)
- ✓ I will care for you with humility, kindness, gentleness, and patience. (Gal. 5:22-23)
- ✓ I will please you by putting your interests above my own. (Phil. 2:4)
- ✓ I will honor you with my purity. (Col. 3:5; 1 Cor. 7:3)
- ✓ I will join with you in the mission God has entrusted to us. (Gen. 1:27-28; 2:24; Rom. 8:29)
- ✓ I will sacrifice my life for your sake. (Phil. 4:4-8)
- ✓ I will cherish you as a child of God. (1 John 4:7)

And by the grace of God, **I will be faithful to this covenant** as long as we both shall live. (Prov. 2:17; Mal. 2:14; Mark 10:8-9)



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1. A Godly Husband is a Lover
2. A Godly Husband is a Learner
3. A Godly Husband is a Leader



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- I. A Godly Husband is a Lover (Eph. 5:25-33)
 1. The Command to Love (25a, 28a and 33)
 2. The Example to Love (25, 29 and 32)
 3. The Obvious Assumption i.e. we already 'love ourself' (28-29)



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I. A Godly Husband is a Lover (Eph. 5:25-33)

II. A Godly Husband is a Learner (1 Pet. 3:7)

1. To 'live in an understanding way ' is our goal (1 Pet. 3:7a)
2. Christ is our example (Matt. 11:28-30, 24:32; Luke 2:46,53)
3. Bible is our authority (2 Tim. 2:15; 1 Cor. 2:12; Jam. 1:5; Ps. 119:66)



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Responsibilities as a Leader at Home

- Establish the **Word of God** as the standard for your home
- Establish how you will **Provide** for your family (Spiritually, Materially etc.)
- Establish **Operational Guidelines** for your own family
- Establish **Ministry Goals and Guidelines** for your family



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3. A Godly Husband is a Leader (Eph. 5:22-24; Matt. 20:25-28)
 - a. Her Spiritual Welfare
 - b. Her Decision Making
 - c. Her Relationships
 - d. Her Ministries
 - e. Her Physical Well Being



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Application

1. Self reflection:

- Am I such a Man? How can I be such a Man?

2. Ask yourself

- Upward – Have I committed this matter in prayer to the Lord?
- Inward – Do I want to marry this woman?
- Outward – Have I sought wise counsel from godly men in my life?



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