

PRESERVING THE FAMILY

EPHESIANS 5:22-33

THE PUPOSE OF MARRIAGE

■ Marriage has purpose!

■ **Companionship** (Gen. 2:18)

- “. . .as being heirs together of the grace of life. . .” (1 Pet. 3:7, NKJV)
- “. . . Yet she is your companion And your wife by covenant” (Mal. 2:14, NKJV)

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- Companionship (Gen. 2:18)
- To produce godly offspring
 - “But did He not make them one, Having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? **He seeks godly offspring.** Therefore take heed to your spirit, And let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth” (Mal. 2:15, NKJV)

■ MARRIAGE IS ABOUT “ANOTHER”

Man & Wife Are To Be Given To The Other (Ephesians 5:22-33)

WIFE

SUBMIT V.22

RESPECT V.33

JOINED TO HER

HUSBAND V.31

HUSBANDS

HEAD V.23

LOVE V.25

LOVE AS THEY LOVE

THEIR OWN BODIES

V.28

JOINED TO HIS WIFE

V.31

Love The Other Person

I Corinthians 7:1-5

- Let the husband render to his wife v.3
- Let the wife render to the husband v.3
 - **“Due” “a debt that is to be paid” v.3**
- Give yourselves to each other v.4,5

BEFORE MARRIAGE COUNT THE COST

- “For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it” (Lk. 14:28, NKJV)
- Have you counted the cost of your commitment to your spouse “. . . for better or worse. . .”?

BEFORE MARRIAGE QUESTIONS

- Will this person help me go to heaven?
- Is it love or lust?
- Am I willing to commit to the other for the rest of my life?
- Am I mature enough for marriage? Good days bad days, fun days, sad days.
- Have I counted the cost?