

## **HOW TO HAVE A HAPPY MARRIAGE**

**God created the first couple, Adam and Eve. They were created to multiply after their kind and to fill the earth with millions of couples like themselves.**

**This brings about God's idea of family. Remember the Godhead is a family according to Ephesians:**

**Ephesians 3:14** For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

**15** Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

**This lets us know that God's idea for creating marriage was to have on earth the same concept He had in heaven. That's why He said marriage is honorable in all and the marriage bed is undefiled.**

**Hebrews 13:4** Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

**But satan the devil hates this concept of marriage because he can't produce after his kind. So he hates to see any marriage, which was ordained by God, be successful. That's the reason satan promotes homosexuality and all forms of sex where there is no life coming from the relationship. This is an abomination. That is the reason God said, in Leviticus:**

**Leviticus 18:22** Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.

**23** Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it is confusion.

**Also the New Testament speaks against these kinds of abominations.**

**Romans 1:26** For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

**27** And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

**Also, satan the devil has put in the mind of the human family that it is alright to kill their babies if they cannot afford to take care of them with abortion, which is murder.**

**The bible says that if a woman is pregnant, and she loses her fruit, which is her baby, because of someone injuring her, the punishment should be life for life. The person who caused her to lose her fruit, shall be put to death.**

**Exodus 21:22** If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart from her, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine.

**23** And if any mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life,

**We should not practice any of the things that we have read above. Marriage should be a loving unit between a man and a woman. The two of them should become one flesh with loving compassion for each other.**

**Mark 10:8** And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh.

**But the problem is, too many people marry presumptuously, not allowing themselves to pick their soul mate. People marry for lust because today's society shows so much nudity.**

**Sometimes people marry with the lust of the eye not even knowing their partner's personality or character. Because of that, the marriages fall apart once the sexual pleasure is no longer what they imagined.**

**In order to have a happy marriage, you have to take your time, without having intercourse with the person, and learn their behavior which will manifest their character and their concern towards you.**

**You don't have to fear that someone is going to walk away from you because you are not letting them get involved with you sexually.**

**Remember God said that he that findeth a wife, findeth a good thing.**

**Proverbs 18:22** Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.

**It is also a good thing for the female when the man finds her because it's a divine connection from God between the woman and the man.**

**If a man or a woman only wants you for sexual pleasure, that will not make a happy marriage. A happy marriage has to be based on total care for one another despite all types of problems that you and your companion will be confronted with.**

**That's the reason God said for this cause shall a man leave father and mother and be cleaved unto his wife and they twain shall be one flesh.**

**Matthew 19:5** And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?

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

**Also, Paul writes in Ephesians, that a husband should love his wife as Christ loved the church and that the wife should submit herself unto her husband in all things as is fit unto the Lord.**

**Ephesians 6: 22** Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

**23** For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

**24** Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

**25** Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

**26** That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

**27** That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

**28** So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

**29** For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

**30** For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

**31** For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

**32** This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

**33** Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

**Husbands and wives should have a prayer life that can be acceptable to God where their prayers are not hindered.**

**1 Peter 3:7** Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

**Remember, marriages are not made in heaven. But if a couple is willing to put God first in their marriage, they have a better chance for happiness than those who do not involve God in their marriage. The reason for this is because God said that He that keepeth his mind stayed on him, He will keep him in perfect peace.**

**Isaiah 26:3** Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

**In today's society, one of the things that cause a marriage to become unhappy is finances. The wife is out working and develops an independent spirit. This has a tendency to make her feel that she does not have to be subject to her husband like the bible says she should be.**

**She feels like she's the breadwinner. Because of that, her husband does not have total control of the household like he should. This does not mean that he is her boss, but it goes contrary to what God has ordained. For God said the head of the woman is the man.**

**1 Corinthians 11:3** But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

**A man should rule over his wife with loving kindness. If a man's not bringing in the proper money to take care of the household and his wife is not a very meek and humble woman, they'll begin to argue over money and the next thing you know, the marriage is in divorce court.**

**Remember, when this happens and there are children involved, satan the devil has gotten an advantage which we should never let him do.**

**We are not saying it is wrong for the wife to work, but the bible says that the man should take care of the house by the sweat of his brow.**

**Genesis 3:19** In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

**20** And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

**In the world today it almost takes two incomes to survive with the high cost of living.**

**But a husband and wife should put their money together and feel like their wealth is one unit only. A couple should be equal in spending and in budgeting their wealth.**

**Deuteronomy 8:18** But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

**It is God that gives them power to get wealth and that they should come together when it comes to purchasing large items such as cars, a house and other major projects that they are involved with. A husband and wife should make the decision together.**

**Another thing that would make your marriage better is not being too familiar with each other in your romantic sexual life. Remember sex is an appetite. When couples are involved in a sexual relationship and there's no appetite for it, sex becomes too routine. Before you know it, you find yourself drifting apart in your relationship and adultery will ruin your marriage because you will be seeking *something new* as they say.**

**Remember the eyes of man are never satisfied.**

**Proverbs 27:20** Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.

**Also, in today's society, this proverb is the same for women.**

**A man should always find pleasure with his wife. He should be satisfied with her beauty only and not the beauty of a strange woman.**

**Proverbs 5:3** For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil:

**4**But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword.

**5**Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell.

**Psalms 45:11** So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: for he is thy Lord; and worship thou him.

**A woman should not become so familiar with a man that's not her husband. It doesn't mean that she can't speak and**

**be nice, but she should carry an air about herself that would keep a man at bay knowing that she's a married woman.**

**A woman should not create a spirit of jealousy that will cause her husband to be upset with her. Neither shall a man create a spirit of jealousy to cause his wife to be upset with him by being too friendly with other women.**

**Remember when the spirit of jealousy comes upon a man, he has to do something to get it off of him unless his marriage will become unhappy.**

**Numbers 5:29** This is the law of jealousies, when a wife goeth aside to another instead of her husband, and is defiled;

**30** Or when the spirit of jealousy cometh upon him, and he be jealous over his wife, and shall set the woman before the LORD, and the priest shall execute upon her all this law.

**31** Then shall the man be guiltless from iniquity, and this woman shall bear her iniquity.

**In the times we live in now, that this spirit of jealousy also bothers a woman as well.**

**Some that read this book may have been married before and their marriage broke up because of unhappiness and they are starting all over again.**

**Remember the bible says that no man goes to war or builds a house without first counting up the costs. You must take your time and carefully look at every circumstance that will confront you in your second marriage. You must make sure that it's based on biblical scripture.**

**The bible says that whosoever marries the second time, and their first companion is living, and they did not get divorced based on fornication is living in sin.**

**Matthew 19:9** 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.

**10**His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry.

**When it comes to abuse in a marriage whether it be verbal or physical, you cannot afford to let it continue because you may end up injuring or killing one another. And you will be incarcerated or executed.**

**When abuse starts, whether it be verbal or physical, you must immediately get counseling or be separated according to 1 Corinthians 7:11**

**1 Corinthians 7:11** But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife.

**Remember, you should never let outsiders get involved with your marriage. The bible says that you should leave your father and mother and cleave unto your wife.**

**Mark 10:6** But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.

**7**For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife;

**8**And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh.

**When you let outsiders get involved with your marriage, even good people, you open yourself up for those who are not so good to inject thoughts according to their own philosophy which can be dangerous.**

**In all your ways, you should acknowledge God in prayer and supplication and He will direct your paths. God will send you a neutral person that will not side with the husband or the wife but will only give good biblical advice on how to keep your marriage happy.**

**You should never allow people to be too involved with your family. Your family is a very sacred thing and should only be between the almighty and you and your companion.**

**The reason Eve got in trouble was because she allowed the serpent to be involved in their marriage. And you know what happened. They lost their happy paradise.**

**Genesis 3:1** Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

**2** And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

**There is a man for every woman and there is a woman for every man. Just be patient and prayerful and God will give you the desires of your heart.**

**Psalms 37:4** Delight thyself also in the LORD: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

**Someone would ask how do you handle a marriage where the man or the woman is homosexual and the other person didn't know it when they got married?**

**If you are married to someone who is a homosexual male or female and you did not know it when you married them, the marriage is not based on biblical scripture, and you are not under bondage to that person in such a case.**

**Marriage can only be with a straight man and straight woman.**

**Remember the bible says that marriage is honorable in all and the marriage bed is undefiled. Homosexuality is an abomination. The bible lets you know that if a marriage is not based on God's principals, you have the right to get an annulment or a divorce and remarry without being in sin.**

**Someone will ask what if he or she is willing to give up their homosexual lifestyle? Can we still stay married?**

**The bible says who you forgive, God forgives. So if you are willing to forgive them and they are willing to live a straight life, yes you can stay married. This also applies to adultery. You can forgive an adulterous spouse as well.**

**2 Corinthians 2:10**To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ;

**Someone would ask how do I handle the hygiene of my companion and the cleaning of the house? The answer is, if your companion's body hygiene is bad, then you must in a very diplomatic way let them know it. But it must be done with love and compassion because sometimes people's hygiene is based on a hidden sickness that they are not aware of such as bad odors coming from the stomach and the skin. And they are not aware of the odor.**

**I advise you to do it through the family doctor.**

**If you can see that your house needs to be clean and your companion is not doing it, then I suggest that you start cleaning and this will make the other party catch on.**

**In order to have a happy marriage when there are children involved, both parents have to have the same plan for raising the children. Children function better when they know they cannot divide the parents.**

**The problem is, that sometimes in a marriage, that one parent may be more of a disciplinarian than the other. So before any discipline takes place concerning the children, parents should sit down and go over how they are going to handle the child's situation. Then it will be done by both parents leaving the understanding that Momma is not going to put up with my foolishness neither is Daddy.**

**And because of that, the child grows up having the same opinion of both parents; that they both want me to do the right thing. Remember the bible says to train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it.**

**Proverbs 22:6** Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

**This training should be done by both parents.**

**Both the husband and wife should be willing to make sacrifices by enjoying each other's fun and entertainment. If the husband likes sports, the wife should enjoy it with him by fixing some of the things he likes to eat when he and his friends are watching the games. If the wife enjoys her type of entertainment, the husband should be considerate and willing to take time with her and enjoy her form of entertainment by showing patience and going with her.**

**If you are married to a person who is a different religion than you, and this happened when you were in the world, the bible says if they be pleased to dwell with you, by allowing you to practice your religion according to the bible, you should not divorce them or put them away.**

**But if they depart because of your religious beliefs, let them depart, you are not under bondage in such a case. But if you are already in the church, you should marry somebody that believes exactly like you believe. For how can two walk together except they agree?**

**Amos 3:3** Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

**Remember, God wants you to have a happy marriage. If you follow these instructions, your marriage can be happy until death do your part.**

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