

Strong Marriages
Biblical Parenting – Part 2
Life Church St. Louis – August 6, 2017
Lead Pastor – Dr. Dan Walker

Matthew 19:4-6 (ESV) He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

2 Corinthians 6:14a (ESV) Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers.

1. Wives _____ to your husbands

Ephesians 5:22 (ESV) Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

A. The husband is the _____ of the wife

Ephesians 5:23-24 (ESV) For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

B. Wives are to _____ their husbands

Ephesians 5:33b (ESV) ... let the wife see that she respects her husband.

2. Husbands _____ your wives

Ephesians 5:25a (ESV) Husbands, love your wives,

A. As Christ loved the _____

Ephesians 5:25b (ESV) ... as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,

B. Husbands love your wives as _____

Ephesians 5:28 (ESV) In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

3. _____ should reflect Christ and the church

Ephesians 5:32 (ESV) This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

A. Marriage makes two people _____ flesh

Ephesians 5:31 (ESV) "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

B. Marriage is designed to _____ believers

Genesis 1:28 (ESV) And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it,

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading, prayer & writing.
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

- How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

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Intro. What is the biblical definition of marriage (Matthew 19:4-6)?

How does the biblical definition of marriage differ from our culture's views and practices?

Why does God hate divorce (Malachi 2:14-16)?

What is wrong with cohabitation (living together) before marriage (Hebrews 13:4, 1 Corinthians 6:15-20)?

Why should a believer only date and marry another believer (2 Corinthians 6:14, 1 Corinthians 7:39, Deuteronomy 7:3-4)?

1A. What does it mean for a wife to submit to her husband (Ephesians 5:22)?

1B. How is a husband the head of his wife (Ephesians 5:23-24)?

1C. What is the relationship between a wife submitted to and respecting her husband (Ephesians 5:33b)?

1D. How does God's design for marriage order differ from our society ideas?

2A. How can a husband love his wife as Christ loved the church (Ephesians 5:25)?

2B. What was the goal of Christ loving the church (Ephesians 5:26-27)? What should be the goal of a husband loving his wife?

2C. In what way does a husband loving his wife love himself (Ephesians 5:28-30)?

2D. What will be the result of following God's design for marriage on the children?

3A. How should marriage reflect Christ and the church (Ephesians 5:32)?

3B. What is the significance of marriage making two people one flesh (Ephesians 5:31)?

3C. How does following God's plan for marriage reproduce believing children (Genesis 1:28, Malachi 2:15, Titus 1:5-6)?

3D. In what ways does a strong godly marriage serve as a witness to unbelievers?