

Things I am Still Learning

NorthRidge Church

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A Look at the Text ...

1. For the first time, God saw something that was _____.
2. So God made a _____.

Marriage Covenant

1. _____
2. _____

Keys to a Healthy Marriage Relationship

- 100% _____ ... Ephesians 5
- Be _____ in all areas of your relationship.
... Genesis 2:25
- For the husband; _____
... James 1:19
- For the wife; _____,
_____ ... Proverbs 31

Expectations in marriages are often unrealistic. They come from what is seen on TV or social media, or other non-biblical sources that frequently depict unhealthy or ungodly relationships. Accept your spouse as God's gift to you and allow God to bind your hearts together and to transform you both into His design.

Appointment with God – Prayer Focus

Lord, we need You in our marriages to help us hear Your voice and to help us choose to live out Your principles in a marriage relationship.

You tell wives to submit to their husbands as to You. Your blueprint for marriage gives the 'mission' that in sub-mission wives give honor to You and validate their husbands. Empower wives to give their point of view with a willingness to defer to her husband if and when there is incomplete agreement. Help husbands be trustworthy of that honor.

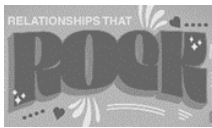
You call husbands to be the head of the wife as Christ is Head of the Church. Help husbands fill the role You have assigned to them. As Christ does for the Church, help husbands preserve and protect the marriage relationship. We pray for men to accept and embrace this responsibility.

You call husbands to love their wives as Christ loves the Church. Help them love sacrificially, placing the needs of his wife before his own. May that Godly headship help the husband live out the Truth that he must care for and protect his wife...that he is accountable to You.

You also call for husbands to love their wives as their bodies. And as an incentive, You give the promise that as a husband does this that You will bless him. May Your Spirit guide us as we pray...

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 5

CHALLENGE: Ask the Lord to place specific marriages on your heart to pray for using these Ephesians 5 principles throughout this series.



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1. For the first time, God saw something that was **NOT GOOD**.
2. So God made a **HELPER**...

Marriage Covenant

1. **LEAVE**
2. **CLEAVE**

Keys to a Healthy Marriage Relationship

- 100% **COMMITMENT FROM BOTH** ... Ephesians 5
- Be **EXPOSED** in all areas of your relationship. ... Genesis 2:25
- For the husband; **LISTEN MORE THAN YOU TALK** ... James 1:19
- For the wife; **STRIVE TO BRING HIM HONOR, NOT SHAME** ... Proverbs 31

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