

Marriage

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I. Introduction.

- A. Subject: importance of the home and the institution of marriage.
- B. The subject is important because it affects so many things. Juvenile problems are being traced to problems in the home.

II. God's purpose in marriage. (Mark 10)

- A. The majority of couples are not experiencing a truly happy married life.
- B. Background: God gave man a job. (Genesis 1:21-28)
 - 1. Man was meant to be a ruler over the earth. (Genesis 2:15)
 - 2. Life was meant to be an adventure.
 - 3. Eden was to be headquarters for which man was to have dominion.
- C. Man needed a helper, so God created women as a helper for him.
- D. Another reason God gave a woman is for companionship - sharing. A deep need is met through this.
- E. Another reason is for fulfillment becoming one flesh.
 - 1. This is the most basic purpose of marriage.
 - 2. All parts of life are interrelated. (Romans 1)
 - 3. Marriage is a unity of the whole self - body, mind and spirit.
 - 4. Love binds and brings together. (Colossians 3:14)
 - 5. Marriage is a fellowship intended to develop a person in their whole being.
 - a. Principle: husband and wife cannot escape each other.
 - b. You leave a mark on the one whom you have the most intimate contact.
 - c. Adulterous relationships destroy what God put together. (1 Corinthians 6:18)

III. The complicating factor: sin.

- A. The answer is Christ and the Scriptures. (1 John 1:7, Ephesians 5)
- B. Spouses must admit when they are wrong.
- C. The basis for a happy marriage is confession and forgiveness.

Application questions

1. What are the reasons according to the speaker that God instituted marriage?

2. What are the answers to the problem of sin in marriage?

3. Think of two common problems that come up in marriage. How would the speaker's answer help bring solvency to these issues?
