



# God's Seven-Fold Design & Purpose for Marriage!



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**Design (Spirit):** To conceive & plan out for a specific function.



**Purpose (Soul):** A proposal set up as an object to be attained.

**Marriage (Body):** Flesh joining flesh to achieve reproduction.

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## GOD PERFORMED THE FIRST MARRIAGE!

God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a help meet"

God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam... and He took one of his ribs... and made for him a woman, and **brought her unto the man**. And Adam said, "This is now ...my bones, ... my flesh. Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." Genesis 2:18-24 So God created man in His own image, in the **image of God** created He him; male and female created He them." Genesis 1:27



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## 1 THE 1ST PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE: Friendship That Brings True Cherished Companionship!!!

Friend means "Lover"

- A. A Lover at all times - Proverbs 17:17
- B. A Helper in every way - Genesis 2:18
- C. A Comforter in times of sorrow - Ecc. 4:9-11
- D. Provider of needs - Gen 2:15; Prov 31:10-31

"Genuine Love is the compassionate affection and acceptance of someone else which produces a personal sacrifice to meet their needs that brings them into your fellowship and friendship!" J.E. ALBAUGH



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## 2 THE 2ND PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE: Mutual Contentment That Completes The Image Of God

Contentment means "Satisfied with..."

"I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine" Song of Sol 6:3

...**Spiritually:** Fellowships with God [Saved] - Col 2:10

...**in the Soul:** Bonded in love [Accepted] - Col 3:12-21

...**Physically:** Together for life [Delighted] - Mt 19:1-12

1. Subjecting to each other - I Pet 3:1-2
2. Peaceful together - I Pet 3:3-5 2. John 14:27, 16:33
3. Respecting each other - I Pet 3:6; Mark 1:40-45
4. Honoring each other - I Pet 3:7; Luke 22:39-44
5. Answered prayers with God - I Pet 3:7; Jn 11:32-45



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## 3 THE 3RD PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE: Heirs Of God's Grace!

7,487 Promises To Believers In God's Word!

Grace means "Giving someone the desire and power to obey God's word" - Phil 2:13

God's character ["Grace in Action"] is developed through faith in Jesus's sacrifice (Phil 2:5-13) and belief in God's promises (Gal 3:6-29)

God's Design of Grace [Love in action] Prov 1:8-9

1. The husband shows the **LOVE** of God producing faith in his wife: "words of love". Romans 10:8-17
2. The wife shows **FAITH** with obedience (Gal 5:4) revealing love: "work of love". Rom 13:8; I Cor 13:8



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## 4 THE 4TH PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE: Enjoying Each Other!!!

-A. Build each other up - I Cor 13:1-3

Vs1 Affirming with words of love and acceptance

Vs 2 Attitude of pleasing Vs 3 Actions of serving

B. Harmoniously in agreement- Prov 31:10-31

C. Physically enjoying each other - Genesis 4:1

D. Emotionally caring - Prov 5:18

**HINT:** We celebrate our wedding date every month on the day we were married and call it a "Month-a-versary". We go out to eat, talk, share, exchange gifts, a card, flowers...etc., & do something like take a walk, a movie...etc.



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## 5 THE 5TH PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE: Fruitfulness In Having Children To Make A Family (Adoption Counts!)

- A. Children complete God's design of grace as the fruit that comes from love and faith: **HOPE** - "meekness" [submission] Gen 1:27-28; Gal 5:22-23; Mt 11:25-30
- B. Children are called Godly seed. Malachi 2:15
- C. Children are heritages of the LORD. Psalm 127:3
- D. Children are the continuance of the family and the protectors of national freedom. Psa 127:4-5
- E. Children are compared to the Kingdom of God which is God's Spirit reigning in us! John 14:12-21; Romans 14:17



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**6 THE 6TH PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE:**  
**A Relationship That Pictures Christ's Love For His Church!!!**

Have the Right **Heart of Love** | Cor 13

A. It Pictures Salvation by meeting the other's needs - II Corinthians 11:2

B. **Forgiving** one another - Eph 4:29-32

C. Nourishing each other - Eph 5:29


D. Submitting to one another - Eph 5:22-24

E. Set apart for each other - Eph 5:26-27

F. Unfied together in spirit - Eph 5:30-32

G. Respecting each other's position - Eph 5:33

H. Sacrificing for each other - Eph 5:25; Rom 12:1



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**7 THE 7TH PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE:**  
**Ministry Of Serving God In His Church And The Home!**

**Ministry** means "To serve the needs of others"

A. Serving others together - Acts 18:18-19

B. Rewarded together - Ecclesiastes 4:9

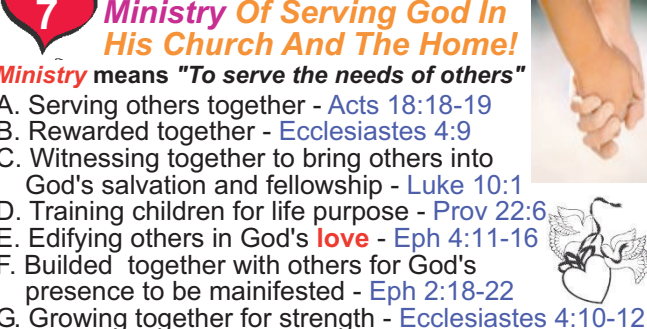
C. Witnessing together to bring others into God's salvation and fellowship - Luke 10:1

D. Training children for life purpose - Prov 22:6

E. Edifying others in God's **love** - Eph 4:11-16

F. Buildd together with others for God's presence to be manifested - Eph 2:18-22

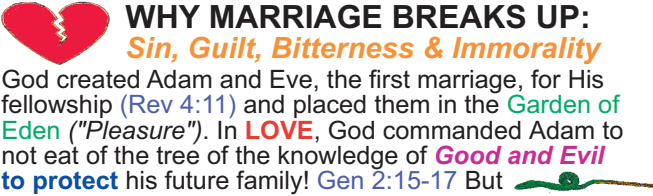
G. Growing together for strength - Ecclesiastes 4:10-12



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**WHY MARRIAGE BREAKS UP:**  
**Sin, Guilt, Bitterness & Immorality**

God created Adam and Eve, the first marriage, for His fellowship (Rev 4:11) and placed them in the Garden of Eden ("Pleasure"). In **LOVE**, God commanded Adam to not eat of the tree of the knowledge of **Good and Evil** to protect his future family! Gen 2:15-17 But Satan offered them to become gods (**being the boss of your own life**)!! Through **discontentment**, they rejected God's design and purpose for living and ate from the tree! **SIN** came (*disobeying God's command*) which brings **guilt** (*separation from God*), that turns into **bitterness** (*spirit of condemning*), which turns into **immorality** (*uncontrollable lust*) that **destroys** the purpose and design of marriage!!

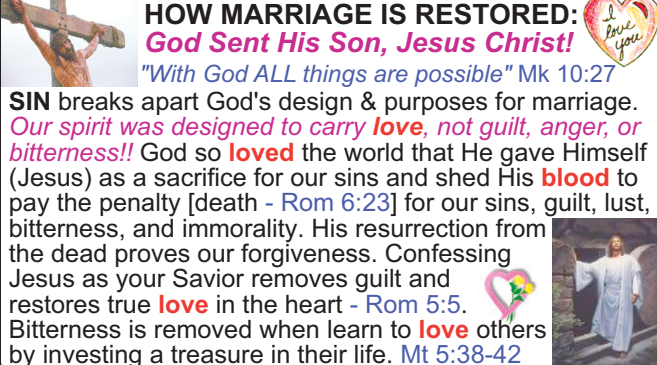


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**HOW MARRIAGE IS RESTORED:**  
**God Sent His Son, Jesus Christ!**

"With God ALL things are possible" Mk 10:27

**SIN** breaks apart God's design & purposes for marriage. **Our spirit was designed to carry love, not guilt, anger, or bitterness!!** God so **loved** the world that He gave Himself (Jesus) as a sacrifice for our sins and shed His **blood** to pay the penalty [death - Rom 6:23] for our sins, guilt, lust, bitterness, and immorality. His resurrection from the dead proves our forgiveness. Confessing Jesus as your Savior removes guilt and restores true **love** in the heart - Rom 5:5. Bitterness is removed when learn to **love** others by investing a treasure in their life. Mt 5:38-42



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**COME TO GOD TODAY AND BE SAVED NOW:**

"Dear God, I know that **Jesus paid the penalty for my sins with His blood** on the cross and **forgave all my sins when He rose from the dead!** I **NOW receive Jesus as my Savior.** Thank you for saving me from my sin and giving to me the gift of eternal life! Amen."

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Witness: **Jesus Christ (Rev 1:5)**

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ John 17:20-21

"... I ...pray for them ...which shall believe on Me"



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**Begin to Build a Love Relationship With God:**

- Every day let God talk to you thru the Bible:** "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." II Peter 3:18 "Desire... the Word" I Peter 2:2
- Pray:** asking God's help about problems, needs, stress, direction, relations, doubts, thankfulness...etc. "Casting all your care upon Him for He cares for you." I Peter 5:7
- Daily confess known sins to God:** You can't lose eternal life, but **sin** will break your fellowship with God. "If we **confess our sins** He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us" I John 1:9 Fellowship **is** restored!
- Share the good news of God's love in Jesus with others:** "Love... as I have loved you." John 13:34

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- Stay away from evil:** Avoid evil people for friends, bad books and wrong thoughts. "Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners." I Corinthians 15:33
- Join a Bible believing Church:** Be faithful in attending, and serve the Lord with gladness. "The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" Acts 2:47
- Give to the support of the Lord's work:** Give your time, talent, and money in love to God's work. "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name" Psalm 29:2
- Do NOT be discouraged:** Temptations, disappointments, and persecution will come. Trust in Jesus who says, "I will **never** leave you, nor forsake you." Hebrews 13:5

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