



TREASURING THE GIFT OF FAMILY
The Gift of Marriage (Part 1)

It's important to identify what marriage is in the light of the Bible, identify the forces that attempt to destroy marriage, and understand God's design and purpose for marriage.

1A. THE _____ ABOUT MARRIAGE

1B. The plan of God

- 1C. God created man (Genesis 1:26-27)
- 2C. God created man in the image of God
- 3C. God created man male and female
- 4C. God created marriage (Genesis 2:18-24)

2B. God's plan for marriage

- 1C. Marriage is the first _____ relationship established in the Bible
- 2C. Marriage is the first of _____ relationships in the Bible
- 3C. Marriage is the _____ relationship in the family.

3B. God's purpose for marriage is _____ (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:5-6; Ephesians 5:31)

2A. THE _____ AGAINST MARRIAGE

1B. Marriage is threatened by difficult _____.

- 1C. Ungodly culture
- 2C. Contrasting backgrounds
- 3C. Superficial motivations
- 4C. Unrealistic expectations

2B. Marriage is threatened when couples are equipped with the _____ plan rather than _____ plan.

- 1C. The world's plan (50/50 relationship)
- 2C. The world's plan will self-destruct and fail.

3B. Marriage is threatened by failure to anticipate _____.

- 1C. Destructive in relationships (Romans 3:10-18, 7:24; 2Corinthians 5:14-15)
- 2C. Robs the relationship of romance

4B. Marriage is threatened by failing to work through inevitable _____.

- 1C. Importance to see trials from God's perspective (James 1:2-4)
- 2C. Response to trials will either drive you apart or bind you together.

5B. Marriage is threatened by extramarital "_____."

- 1C. They take many different forms (Exodus 20:14; Matthew 7:27-28)
- 2C. They are deceptive (Ephesians 4:22)

3A. THE _____ ABOUT MARRIAGE (Ephesians 5:22-33)

Recommended Resources

Weekend to Remember (www.familylifeministries.org)
 When Sinners Say, "I Do" by Dave Harvey Love that Lasts by Gary & Betsy Ricucci