

God's Divine Design For Marriage

Psalm 127:1, NKJV Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; unless the Lord guards the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

Genesis 2:18, NIV The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

Genesis 2:22, NIV Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

Genesis 2:23, NIV The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."

Genesis 2:24, NIV That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

1. God designed marriage to be a primary relationship.

Genesis 2:24, KJV Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

2. God designed marriage to be a permanent relationship.

Matthew 19:3, NKJV The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?"

Matthew 19:4, NKJV And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,'

Matthew 19:5, NKJV and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'?

Matthew 19:6, NKJV So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

Matthew 19:7, NKJV They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?

Matthew 19:8, NKJV He said to them, "Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so.

Matthew 19:9, NKJV And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery."

Matthew 19:10, NKJV His disciples said to Him, “If such is the case of the man with his wife, it is better not to marry.”

1 Corinthians 7:15, NKJV But if the unbeliever departs, let him depart; a brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases. But God has called us to peace.

3. God designed marriage to be an exclusive relationship.

Genesis 2:24, KJV Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

4. God designed marriage to be an intimate relationship.

Genesis 2:24, KJV Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

5. God designed marriage to be a covenant relationship.

Malachi 2:14, NKJV Yet you say, “For what reason?” Because the Lord has been witness between you and the wife of your youth, with whom you have dealt treacherously; yet she is your companion and your wife by covenant.

Ephesians 5:32, NIV This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.

Ephesians 5:23, NIV For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.

Ephesians 5:24, NIV Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

Ephesians 5:25, NIV Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her...

God's Design for the Wife

1 Peter 3:1, NIV Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives,

1 Peter 3:2, NIV ...when they see the purity and reverence of your lives.

1 Peter 3:3, NIV Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes.

1 Peter 3:4, NIV Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.

1 Peter 3:5, NIV For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves. They submitted themselves to their own husbands,

1 Peter 3:6, NIV like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her lord. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.

God's Design for the Husband

1 Corinthians 11:3, NKJV But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

Genesis 2:15, NKJV Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.

1 Peter 3:7, ESV Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

God's Design for the Healing

Psalms 147:3, NKJV He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

1. Admit the Hurt

2. Be Led by Covenant, Not Feelings

3. Forgive As the Lord Forgave You

4. Invite God Back Into the Center

5. Rebuild Through Small Daily Choices

Hosea 10:12, NLT I said, 'Plant the good seeds of righteousness, and you will harvest a crop of love. Plow up the hard ground of your hearts, or now is the time to seek the Lord, that he may come and shower righteousness upon you.'

6. Remember There is Hope Beyond the Hurt.