

# PROPER MARRIAGE PART 3

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**Men have redefined the meaning of marriage today.**

- Webster's 1828 was a biblical definition.
  - Marriage is between a man and a woman.
  - Duration: till death parts them.
  - Marriage is instituted by God.
  - Purpose for marriage: prevent promiscuous intercourse, promote happiness at home, secure environment for caring for children.
- Webster's 2013 gives a *modern* definition.
  - Contractual union of two people recognized by law.
  - Can be two people of different or same sex.
  - No God, no purpose, no lifetime duration, not biblical.

**Ephesians 2:8-10** God created you to do good works. That is your purpose. Don't waste your life doing things that are contrary to what God made you for. Use your life for the glory of God.

- You'll be happy when you fulfill your purpose according to God's plan.
- You'll always be unhappy if you use your life for the wrong purpose.

**John 10:10** It is the Lord's desire that we have a more abundant life in Him than we could ever have without Him.

- Jesus makes it possible to live life more abundantly.
  - Nothing else can do that: success, making money, having fun, relationships.

**Rev 4:8-11** Everything was created to bring God pleasure. Your existence ought to please God.

**1 Tim 5:5-6, 11-15** If you live in pleasure and pursue pleasure through sinful activities instead of trying to live a life that gives God pleasure, you are living for Satan. You will never find true happiness that way.

**Rom 1:28-32** When you choose to forget God, He gives you over to your corrupt, wicked mind. You will continue to do all kinds of things that God hates, seeking pleasure in sin.

- You are being influenced by TV, internet, movies, and advertising that tells you pleasure can be found in sin.
- God told you to live a life that pleases HIM. That's where you'll find happiness.

**James 4:10** "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up."

- God promised to lift you up if you will give Him control of your life.

**Ephesians 5:21** Ladies who marry are knowingly signing up for being in submission to the man they marry—in obedience to the bible.

**Philippians 2:5-9** Jesus Christ is our example.

- He submitted Himself to God.
- God rewarded Him by giving him a name which is above every name.
- When you humble yourself, submit to God, and do right, God will reward you.

**1 Peter 3:1-4** A man who doesn't believe the bible isn't going to believe his Christian wife when she preaches or quotes the bible to him.

- She is instructed to obey God and live in a way that will get her husband's attention.
- He's not listening to God; he's not going to listen to you. You must simply do right.
  - Be like Christ. Your continual righteousness will humble your husband and turn him to Christ.

**Men are looking** (not listening) **at the woman** (Gen 25:16, 26:7, 29:17, Esther 11:1, 2 Sam 11:2)

**Prov 21:9** A woman who is constantly hounding and nagging her husband makes him want to find a quiet place to hide.

**Prov 25:24** God put this in the bible twice.

**Prov 19:13** The contentions of a wife are very irritating to the husband. They will result in a fight.

**Prov 27:15-16** If you have a wife who nags you all the time, you can't hide it. It will be known.