

The Message Notes

Series: Marriage Requirements

Message: *Threefold Requirements of Marriage*

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Genesis 2:24. Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. (NKJV)

Overview: Our series will cover the details of God's purpose for marriage, requirements, and the social construct of the marriage ceremony.

Definition – Marriage is a **sacred** union between a man and a woman that unites their lives together wholly before God (covenant), and legally before men (civil). (Matthew 19:6)

1. Marriage is a **God idea** and is as old as humans. (Genesis 2:18)
2. Marriage was **ordained** by God to **sanctify** a **male** and a **female** together for the purpose of having children, so they can **proliferate** God's **image** throughout the earth and **stewardship** over the earth. (Genesis 1:27-28, Malachi 2:15)
 - Sanctification - male and female set apart/sexual
 - Proliferation – offspring of godly children all over the earth
 - Stewardship – to govern the kingdom of God on earth

“Marriage was **not intended** for our **happiness** but to show God's **holiness** in a marital relationship that **exemplifies** the **bond** between **Christ** and the **church**.” (Ephesians 5:21-33)

3. Marriage is called a “**death**” covenant.
4. Marriage has **evolved** over the years to be governed by **civil** affirmation and **church** affirmation.
5. Marriage ceremony is **sacred** but also a **social construct** for the purpose of formally joining a man and a woman together as a husband and a wife. (Ephesians 5:21-33)

How does a man and a woman couple to marry? Dating

Dating Definition: A man and a woman meet for a period of time to **gather data** about each other, so they can make an **informed** decision if they're the **right match** for marriage.

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Requirement #1. Marriage requires a **man** to **leave** his parents to be **joined** with his **wife**.

- a) Marriage requires a **man**, not a **boy**

Definition: A man is an **image bearer** of God who carries these godly traits: wholly-worshipper-word-works-worth-world-wed.

Marriage Wisdom: When a man is ready to marry, he will make space for a **wife** in his **world**.

Marriage requires a man to do two things for marriage:

- b) Marriage requires a man to **leave his family**
 - ✓ **Leave** – birth bond between parents is broken
 - ✓ **Parents** - intact family (model) – broken family (rebuild)
 - ✓ **Alignment** – consent-cover-counsel
- c) Marriage requires a man to be **joined** with his **wife**
 - ✓ **Initiator** – proposal of marriage
 - ✓ **Pursuer** – continually seek after marriage
 - ✓ **Upholder** – the glue - nothing comes in-between you

Requirement #2. Marriage requires a **wife** (Genesis 2:23-24)

- A man recognizes a **wife** from a **woman** (Proverbs 18:22)

Marriage Wisdom: A man who continually **beds** you and not **weds** you, sees you as another **woman** and not as his **wife**.

Wife – sets you apart as the “one and only”, not the one of many.

- Wife: complement-companion-crowns – Genesis 2:18, Titus 2:4-5

Requirement #3. Marriage requires you to **live as one**:

- a) **Functionally** – Fulfill your roles as husband (head) and wife (helper)
- b) **Behaviorally** – Love and Respect – Ephesians 5:33
- c) **Sexually** – Consummate-Confirm - Matthew 19:5, I Corinthians 7:2-4