

MARRIAGE SURVIVAL GUIDE

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A wise carpenter will examine a plan, choose a suitable location, use the proper tools, prepare the site, and build a house on a solid foundation. I am going to give you the basics, and help you two work together to complete your foundation.

What does God think about marriage? I will spare you the lengthy discourse on ONE MAN + ONE WOMAN = MARRIAGE. The parts you need to examine are much more fun!

LEARNING FROM GOD

Marriage is your:

➤ COMPLETION

➤ COVENANT

➤ COMMITMENT

➤ CONTRACT

COMPLETION

And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

– Genesis 2: 18

- ☞ Cure for Loneliness
- ☞ Cure for Weakness

COVENANT

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

- Genesis 2: 24

- ☞ Instructed to Leave
- ☞ Instructed to Cleave
- ☞ Instructions for Intimacy

COMMITMENT

Wife – Submit to your husband

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.-- Ephesians 5: 22-24

Husband – Love your wife

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church—for we are members of his body. "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.-- Ephesians 5: 25-33

CONTRACT

Given by God

A prudent wife is from the Lord, a wise wife, a virtuous wife, a godly wife is a gift from God. --Proverbs 19:14

Given by Parents

They did eat , they drank , they married wives , they were given in marriage , until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came , and destroyed them all. -- Luke 17:27

Given for LIFE

Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder -- Matthew 19:6