

BASIC PRINCIPLES OF MARRIAGE

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Most people base their decision to marry on one simple phrase:

We are in love.

Many times, as time goes on, the couple comes to the following conclusion:

We are no longer in love.

¿Is it so easy to be in love and then fall out of love?



¿How should we love?

- Put the good of the other person first,
regardless of their behavior
- Express your love with words and actions,
not expecting anything in return
- Commit to living in obedience to God,
without being controlled by feelings



If someone says:

"I no longer love you"

What they are actually saying is:

"I do not want to obey God and love you!"

The Basis of Marriage
is not a gushy feeling.
It is not even biblical love!

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The basis of marriage
is that God unites two people
for all of life, according to His will.
(Genesis 2:18-25)

An example of this can be found in
Genesis 24:1-6,
with Isaac and Rebekah.

The foundation of marriage
never changes!

Love is something
that will continually develop
in marriage over time
(Ephesians 5:33 y Titus 2:3-4)

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It is an act of the will.
We must demonstrate our love
with actions, not just with words.
It is not optional. It is a command.
(1John 3:18)

Love is not just a feeling
that comes and goes,

but our obedience to God will produce
deep, meaningful feelings.

Love is not just
passionate sexual desire,

but our obedience to God
will produce sexual satisfaction.

THREE IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES OF BIBLICAL MARRIAGE

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Genesis 2:24

24 For this reason a man **shall leave** his father and his mother, and **be joined** to his wife; and they **shall become one flesh**.

Matthew 19:5

5 Jesus 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**'.

Ephesians 5:31

31 For this reason a man **shall leave** his father and mother and **shall be joined** to his wife, and the two **shall become one flesh**.

PRINCIPLE # 1

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LEAVE YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER

What does this mean?

***Marriage is the most important
of all human relationships***

There must be a separate home
emotional independence
physical independence
economic independence

The parents must not control
or interfere in the new home

If you violate this principle
it could destroy your marriage.

PRINCIPLE # 2

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BE JOINED TO YOUR WIFE

What does this mean?

Marriage is the most permanent of all human relationships

The will of God is that the marriage last as long as they both shall live. It is a strong and lasting relationship.

The two become bonded together like two pieces of paper glued together. If you try to pull them apart, both are going to be torn.

In order to not violate this principle you must clearly understand that the foundation of marriage is that God has brought you together. The foundation is not a feeling, but rather the marvelous blessing of God.

If you do not have an immovable conviction about this principle, it may result in divorce.

PRINCIPLE # 3

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THE TWO BECOME ONE FLESH

What does this mean?

***Marriage is the most intimate
of all human relationships.***

The husband should only have sexual relations with his wife, and the wife with her husband. Any other sex is against the will of God:

- the husband with another woman
- the husband with a man
- the wife with another man
- the wife with a woman
- any other sexual relationship that is not exclusively between the husband and the wife

Sex was created by God to be enjoyed as part of the marital relationship. It is not a dirty or shameful act.

**If you do not respect this principle
it will destroy your marriage.**

EPHESIANS 5:33

HUSBAND...
LOVE YOUR WIFE

Say "I love you" daily

Give her hugs daily and
show her affection

Set aside time every day
to talk and spend time
together

Work hard and provide for all
the needs of the home

Ephesians 5:33

WIFE... RESPECT YOUR HUSBAND

Permit him to assume the
leadership in the home

Support his decisions

Keep yourself attractive
and satisfy him sexually

Prepare good food

ADVICE FOR HER

let him assume the leadership

support his decisions as you give wise advice

keep yourself attractive and satisfy him sexually

prepare good food and keep the house clean and orderly

ADVICE FOR HIM

tell her you love her every day

give her hugs and show affection

make time daily to talk and spend time together

work hard and provide for the needs of the home

ADVICE FOR BOTH

spend time with God every day

admit your mistakes and be humble

forgive and do not harbor bad feelings

never go to sleep without beginning to resolve any conflict

Adjust accordingly if both work, according to God's guidance.

GOD

In marriage,
the most important factor
is that the husband and the wife
have a personal and intimate
relationship with God daily

If the two are individually drawing closer to God,
then they will also draw closer to each other.

wife

husband