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!



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)

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

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

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PRINCIPLE # 1



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



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



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

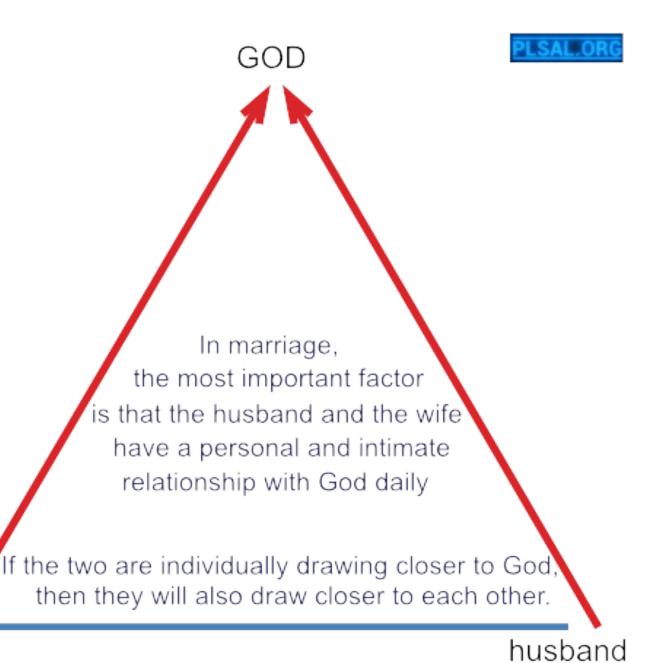
Support his decisions

Keep yourself attractive and satisfy him sexually

Prepare good food

ADVICE FOR BOTH ADVICE FOR HER ADVICE FOR HIM let him assume the tell her you love her spend time with God leadership every day every day support his decisions give her hugs and admit your mistakes as you give wise show affection and be humble advice forgive and do not make time daily to keep yourself talk and spend time harbor bad feelings attractive and satisfy together him sexually work hard and never go to sleep prepare good food without beginning to provide for the needs and keep the house resolve any conflict of the home clean and orderly Adjust accordingly if both work,

according to God's guidance.



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