



Marriage.

Hebrew Name = Ownah.

Definition = Cohabitation with conjugal rights.

Meaning = One man and one woman unite in the bond of marriage, before God.

They now enjoy the undefiled bed of marriage, which is only for this bond.

HEBREWS 13:4

"Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled."

Christian Marriage.

Make sure you marry a Christian, or you will be in direct rebellion against God and suffer greatly.

2 CORINTHIANS 6:14-18

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?"

¹⁵ And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

¹⁶ And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

¹⁷ Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.

¹⁸ And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

If you are married to an unbeliever, here is your direction.

1 CORINTHIANS 7:12-16

"But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away.

¹³ And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him.

¹⁴For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.

¹⁵But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace.

¹⁶For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? Or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife?"

Help Meet Hebrew Name = Ezer.

Definition = One who helps.

Meaning = Assistance and support, throughout the life of the marriage.

GENESIS 2:18

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

God created Adam, and gave him - his life assignment.

GENESIS 2:7-15

"And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. ⁸ And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. ¹⁰ And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads. ¹¹ The name of the first is Pison: that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; ¹² And the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone. ¹³ And the name of the second river is Gihon: the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia. ¹⁴ And the name of the third river is Hiddekel: that is it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is Euphrates. ¹⁵ And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it."

God then; created Eve.

GENESIS 2:18-25

"And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. ¹⁹ And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. ²⁰ And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. ²¹ And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; ²² And the rib, which

the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. ²³ And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. ²⁴ Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. ²⁵ And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed."

God's Boundaries.

God had set up boundaries with consequences; to Adam, in the Garden of Eden.

GENESIS 2:16-17

"And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

¹⁷ But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."

The Garden of Eden.

Hebrew Word = Eden.

Definition = Pleasure.

Meaning = The garden was a place of happiness, satisfaction, perfection and enjoyment.

Adam and Eve both disobeyed God, and were escorted out of; The Garden of Eden.

GENESIS 3:1-24

"Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? ² And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: ³ But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. ⁴ And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: ⁵ For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. ⁶ And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. ⁷ And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. ⁸ And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden. ⁹ And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? ¹⁰ And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. ¹¹ And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? ¹² And the man

said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. ¹³ And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. ¹⁴ And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. ¹⁶ Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. ¹⁷ And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; ¹⁸ Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; ¹⁹ In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. ²⁰ And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living. ²¹ Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them. ²² And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever: ²³ Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. ²⁴ So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life." Adam and Eve should have believed God, instead of doubting his commands and consequences.

GENESIS 3:1

"Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" God's commands, consequences and rewards; still apply today.

ISAIAH 1:19-20

"If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: ²⁰ But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

Many in society do not understand the marital union, God created.

Let us look at this union, through the eyes of scripture.

Who is in charge?

God's order; of authority.

COLOSSIANS 11:3

"But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God."

1. God is the head; of Christ.

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2. Christ is the head; of Husbands.

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"But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God."

3. Husbands are the head; of Wives.

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Submission is commanded, and mandated.

Submit.

Greek Word = Hypotasso.

Definition = To arrange under. To obey. To submit to one's control.

To yield to one's admonition or advice.

Meaning = Christians are commanded firstly to submit to God, and then one another.

We can clearly see the tragedy this caused, in the first couple - Adam and Eve.

All Society is commanded, to submit to God.

JAMES 4:7

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

Husbands submit to God.

Adam should have submitted to God, instead of disobeying him.

Disobedience always causes regret.

When you sin, confess and forsake your sin, and God will forgive you.

1 JOHN 1:8-10

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us."

PROVERBS 28:13

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."

Realization.

Realize you have found favor with God, upon finding a wife.

PROVERBS 18:22

"Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord."

Love.

Husbands are to love; and cherish their wife.

1 PETER 3:7

"Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered."

EPHESIANS 5:25-29

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; ²⁶That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. ²⁸So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. ²⁹For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church."

EPHESIANS 5:33

"Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband."

COLOSSIANS 3:19

"Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them."

Enjoy.

Husbands are to enjoy; their wife.

ECCLESIASTES 9:9

"Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity: for that is thy portion in this life, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun."

Wives are to submit, to their husbands.

We can clearly read the responsibility; of the wife.

EPHESIANS 5:22-24

"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. ²³ 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. ²⁴ Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything."

COLOSSIANS 3:18

"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord."

If you are not ready to submit, do not get married.

A marriage out of submission on any level, is not Godly.

This type of union will end up deformed, unwhole and ruined.

It is never too late to restructure your home, under the direction and commands of God.

In so doing, your marriage will bloom and flourish - as it is intended.

Love.

You must love; your husband.

EPHESIANS 5:33

"Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband."

The Bible's Model.

The Bible's model; for a good wife.

PROVERBS 31:1-31

"Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. ¹¹ The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. ¹² She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. ¹³ She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. ¹⁴ She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar. ¹⁵ She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens. ¹⁶ She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. ¹⁷ She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. ¹⁸ She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out

by night. ¹⁹ She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff. ²⁰ She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. ²¹ She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet. ²² She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple. ²³ Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land. ²⁴ She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant. ²⁵ Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. ²⁶ She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. ²⁷ She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. ²⁸ Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. ²⁹ Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. ³⁰ Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. ³¹ Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates."

The Qualities of The Proverbs 31 Woman.

1. Virtuous.

Hebrew Word = Chayil.

Definition = Strength, might, efficiency, wealth, army.

Meaning = This is a woman connected to God, fulfilling the destiny she was born for - with excellence; both spiritually and physically.

PROVERBS 31:10

"Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies."

2. Trusted.

Hebrew Word = Batach.

Definition = Confidence, security, safety.

Meaning = The person of her husband is not anxious, about her character, and the effects she will have - on his being and life.

Her husband completely; trusts her.

Eve lacked this quality. She did not live the life God commanded, and infested her husband Adam - to his own death.

This also refers to God putting trust; in his people.

PROVERBS 31:11

"The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil."

3. Good.

Hebrew Word = Towb.

Definition = Pleasant, agreeable, happy.

Meaning = This woman does bountifully to her husband; things of; pleasantness, agreeableness and happiness.

She does no evil to her husband - all the days of her life.

This also refers to the Bride of Christ, and their relationship with the Trinity - doing them good, and not evil - all the days of their life.

PROVERBS 31:12

"She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life."

4. Works.

Hebrew Word = Asah.

Meaning = To accomplish, produce - with effect.

Definition = This woman delights and takes pleasure, in working willingly; to produce and accomplish; with her own hands.

Both in the physical realm, and the spiritual dimension.

PROVERBS 31:13

"She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands."

5. Food.

Hebrew Word = Lechem.

Definition = Food, bread, grain.

Meaning = This woman is not slothful. She is a seeker of natural food, for her household; as well as spiritual food.

PROVERBS 31:14

"She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar."

6. Giver.

Hebrew Word = Dotēs.

Definition = A bestower.

Meaning = This woman is a God seeker, rising early to glean from the Word, and to bestow her knowledge to her household; for their welfare.

This also is a woman that provides the natural needs of those, in her care.

PROVERBS 31:15

"She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens."

7. Wise.

Hebrew Word = Chakam.

Definition = Ethically and religiously - prudent.

Meaning = This woman knows the real value of life. This woman is not deceived by the deceitfulness of riches, but holds fast the desires of - The Almighty God.

This woman found the true pearl of great price, and forsook the world - for the souls of men.

This woman has a vineyard within - The Kingdom, with her Lord - for his earth.

PROVERBS 31:16

"She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard."

8. Doer.

Hebrew Word = Poiētēs.

Definition = An obedient producer, maker, author.

Meaning = This woman wears the full armour of God. She understands her duties, as a citizen within - The Kingdom of God.

This woman also, is one who attends to her physical body - by means of exercise.

PROVERBS 31:17

"She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms."

9. Discretion.

Hebrew Word = Mēzimmah.

Definition = Purposeful.

Meaning = This woman discerns that her fruit is good; which is - the product of her being, her person.

This woman's spirit is not tainted, and put into darkness - by sin.

PROVERBS 31:18

"She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night."

10. Intent.

Greek Word = Eis.

Definition = Towards and into.

Meaning = This woman intentionally lays hold onto - The Straight and Narrow life.

She realizes this is the only road, that God accepts.

She knows that this is the only life, that is life.

PROVERBS 31:19

"She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff."

11. Abundant.

Greek Word = Perisseuō.

Definition = Abounding and overflowing, with greatness.

Meaning = This woman exceeds, in overflow of goodness; to the physically and spiritually impoverished.

PROVERBS 31:20

"She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy."

12. Faith.

Greek Word = Pistis.

Definition = The conviction and knowing of - reality.

Meaning = This woman is not afraid of the times of coolness, within her life.

This woman knows that God is a covenant keeping God, and will perform his word; concerning her life.

PROVERBS 31:21

"She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet."

13. Knowledge.

Hebrew Word = Da`ath.

Definition = Perception, skill, understanding.

Meaning = This woman knows to cover herself in the blood of Jesus, not in fig leaves.

Her life is one of; Holiness and Royalty.

PROVERBS 31:22

"She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple."

14. Royal.

Hebrew Word = Basileios.

Definition = Kingly and regal.

Meaning = This woman's husband is in the royal place, of the kings; within; The Kingdom of God.

Through this woman, God is known.

PROVERBS 31:23

"Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land."

15. Servant.

Greek Word = Doulos.

Definition = Those whose service is used by Christ, in extending and advancing; his cause among men. Those who deny themselves, their interests and desires, for the call of Christ.

Meaning = This woman being full of God's Spirit, produces knowledge and wisdom; for creation's benefit.

PROVERBS 31:24

"She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant."

16. Disciple.

Greek Word = Mathētēs.

Definition = Student, learner, follower.

Meaning = This woman is a disciple of Christ. Christ is her strength. She endures and continues forward - for the joy set before her.

PROVERBS 31:25

"Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come."

17. Teacher.

Greek Word = Didaskalos.

Definition = One showing the way to salvation, with the duties of man.

Meaning = This woman instructs with wisdom; which is - The Fear of The Lord.

She speaks with goodness and faithfulness; without reproach.

PROVERBS 31:26

"She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness."

18. Watchman.

Hebrew Word = Tsaphah.

Definition = To observe, to keep watch - closely.

Meaning = This woman is not complacent about her duty, of keeping her home spiritually and physically safe.

There is nothing slothful within or about her.

PROVERBS 31:27

"She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness."

19. Righteous.

Hebrew Word = Tsaddiyq.

Definition = Just, correct, lawful.

Meaning = This woman lived her life, not only for herself - but for the wellbeing of her children, both physical and spiritual.

This woman knew that the seed of the righteous, would most certainly be delivered. Her husband's praises were the result of her life, along with her children's salvation.

PROVERBS 31:28

"Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her."

20. Pure.

Greek Word = Hagnos.

Definition = Sacred, chaste, modest, clean.

Meaning = This woman considered The Lord, more important than herself.

She laid down her life, for her friends.

PROVERBS 31:29

"Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all."

21. Respect.

Greek Word = Apoblepō.

Definition = To turn the eyes away from other things, and fix them on some - one thing.

Meaning = This woman chose to live her life, in - The Fear of The Lord; loving, caring and respecting her God and Father.

PROVERBS 31:30

"Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised."

22. Receive.

Hebrew Word = Laqach.

Definition = To acquire, by someone adding to.

Meaning = This woman received from the hand of The Lord, the promises of her hard work.

PROVERBS 31:31

"Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates."

Marriage Essentials.

1. Looking out for each other; spiritually.

This was the attack from satan, on the first couple.

You need to look out for one another spiritually, making sure you are both on the straight and narrow path - with God.

MATTHEW 7:13-14

"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

¹⁴ Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

You need to remember; satan prowls around, seeking whom he may devour.

1 PETER 5:8

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

Are you both staying out of the world, and keeping yourself pure?

JAMES 1:27

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

Are you both feeding on the word of God - on a daily basis?

MATTHEW 4:4

"It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

If one of you is weak, the other must be strong.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:14

"Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men."

2. Considering the other more important, than yourself.

We live in a selfish society.

Marriage is not to be a selfish union.

Marriage is to be a union of two mature adults, who consider the other - above themselves.

PHILIPPIANS 2:3

"Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves."

3. Love, the right way.

Some believe love is about getting, while others know it is about covenant - both giving and receiving.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-13

"Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

⁵ Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

⁶ Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; ⁷ Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.⁸ Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

⁹ For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. ¹⁰ But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a

child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. ¹²For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. ¹³And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

4. Sex.

Sexual Enjoyment.

Sex was made for marriage, and is to be enjoyed - as a gift from God.

HEBREWS 13:4

"Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge."

PROVERBS 5:15-19

"Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well. ¹⁶Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, and rivers of waters in the streets. ¹⁷Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee. ¹⁸Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth. ¹⁹Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love."

Sexual Responsibility.

If you do not want to have sex, do not get married.

Neither the husband or the wife, is to withhold sex from the other.

1 CORINTHIANS 7:3-6

"Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. ⁴The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. ⁵Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency. ⁶But I speak this by permission, and not of commandment."

Sexual Perversion.

You are not bound to acts of perversion and unnatural affection. These are to be rejected.

Sexual Abstinence.

You may refrain from sex, by mutual consent for a time agreed upon, for fasting and prayer.

Then come together again, not allowing satan to tempt you for - lack of self control.

1 CORINTHIANS 7:5-6

"Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency. ⁶ But I speak this by permission, and not of commandment."

What about divorce?

Divorce Definition = A legal ending; of a marriage.

Does God like divorce?

No.

MALACHI 2:13-16

"And this have ye done again, covering the altar of the Lord with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, insomuch that he regardeth not the offering any more, or receiveth it with good will at your hand. ¹⁴ Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the Lord hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant. ¹⁵ And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. ¹⁶ For the Lord, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for one covereth violence with his garment, saith the Lord of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously."

Does God allow divorce?

Yes.

MATTHEW 19:3-8

"The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? ⁴ And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, ⁵ And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? ⁶ Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. ⁷ They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? ⁸ He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so."

Are there allowable reasons; for divorce?

Yes.

MATTHEW 5:31-32

"It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: ³² But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication,

causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery. "

MATTHEW 19:9

"And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery."

Fornication.

Greek Word = Porneia.

Definition = Illicit sexual intercourse, adultery, homosexuality, lesbianism, intercourse with animals etc.

Meaning = You are allowed to divorce on the grounds of your spouse, committing fornication.

Are there un-allowed reasons for divorce?

Yes.

You are not to divorce your spouse, just because you feel like it.

1 CORINTHIANS 7:10-11

"And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband: ¹¹ But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife."

MARK 10:12

"And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her. ¹² And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery."

LUKE 16:18

"Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery."

We know all adulterers inherit - The Lake of Fire.

GALATIANS 5:19-21

"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, ²⁰ Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, ²¹ Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

If you find yourself in a mess, confess your sins to God and allow him to forgive you, and lead you to wholeness.

God expects you to remain married - until death separates you.

ROMANS 7:2-3

"For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. ³So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man."

You are free to re-marry, after the death of your spouse. But this person must be a Christian.

1 CORINTHIANS 7:39

"The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord."

Re - Marriage.

Can I biblically re-marry, after my spouse has divorced me?

Yes - if the divorce was not based, on your fornication.

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What about fighting?

Fighting is caused from not getting your needs, or desires met.

Communication is the issue.

Communication is essential in a marriage, as it is in any relationship.

Speaking with respect, clearly and with a soft tone - eliminates a bad response or no response.

Listening is also of extreme importance, as you will focus on what the person is truly saying, instead of what you think they are saying.

PROVERBS 15:1-2

"A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

²The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness."

God does not approve of physical or verbal abuse.

1 PETER 3:8-12

"Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: ⁹ Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. ¹⁰ For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: ¹¹ Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it. ¹² For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil."

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Counseling.

If there is violence being done to you, or your children - seek protection and secure it.

The offender needs to seek biblical counseling and restructuring.

Only when this occurs, is it safe for you to cohabitate.

Counseling is God instituted and needed, in some circumstances.

Do not hesitate to seek professional, Godly Christian counseling.

MATTHEW 18:15-17

"Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. ¹⁶ But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be

established. ¹⁷ And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican."

What about the children?

Children are to be under submission, to their parents.

EPHESIANS 6:1-3

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. ² Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; ³ That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth."

What about the in laws?

In laws are not to control the marriage.

The couple must separate themselves - as a couple.

The in laws must respect this unit - as Godly and as one.

GENESIS 2:21-25

"And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; ²² And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. ²³ And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. ²⁴ Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. ²⁵ And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed."

EPHESIANS 5:31

"For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh."

MATTHEW 19:4-6

"And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, ⁵ And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? ⁶ Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

What about finances?

Remember the authority line - of submission.

What about work?

Who should work, the husband or the wife?

The husband should be; the provider of the home.

1 TIMOTHY 5:8

"But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel."

The wife may work, subject to her husband's permission.

What about household chores?

That depends on who is working, outside of the home.

If the wife is at home, she should attend to the household chores.

If the couple is both working, they should decide.

If the couple has children, they should be given tasks.

What about friends?

We as Christians are not to be intimately involved, with unbelievers.

We are commanded by God, to use wisdom - in all areas of fellowship.

Bad company corrupts; good morals.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:33

"Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners."

We are to be the influence to all men, leading them to salvation.

MATTHEW 5:13

"Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men."

ENJOY YOUR JOURNEY.

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