

The Believer's Family (pt. 2)

The Purpose of Marriage

Ephesians 5:21-31 (NIV)

²¹ Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

²² Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord.

²³ For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.

²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her

²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,

²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

²⁸ In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

²⁹ After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church--

³⁰ for we are members of his body.

³¹ "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."

Purpose of Marriage

1. The purpose of marriage is to _____/_____ your spouse with a _____ of their _____ glory in mind.

a. Marriage love carries a power to _____ (_____).

Ephesians 5:25-27 (NIV)

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1 Corinthians 7:12-16 (NASB)

¹⁴ For the unbelieving husband is sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified through her believing husband;

b. Marriage love carries a power to make _____ (_____).

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Genesis 2:23-24 (NIV)

²³ The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."

²⁴ For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

1. Marriage love carries a power to fill personal _____ (_____).

Ephesians 5:28-29 (NIV)

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What should the unmarried do with the purpose?

2. _____ a mate with the _____ purpose.

I see what God is doing in you. I love it, I am attracted to it, and I want to be a part of it. Therefore, I will serve/love you like Christ serves/loves the church so one day we can present each other to Him.

What should the married do with the purpose?

3. Get onto the _____ with your mate.
 - a. _____ whether or not you as a couple are _____ out the purpose.
 - b. _____ bring up the Biblical purpose.
 - c. _____ and ask God to _____ you to live out the Biblical purpose.
 - d. Pray with each other that _____ would empower you to _____ live out the Biblical purpose.
 - e. Expect phenomenal _____ if you live a life _____ with the Biblical purpose.