

Genesis 2:18–25 (NKJV)

18 And the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him." 19 Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. 20 So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.

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²¹ And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. ²² Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to 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 a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. 25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

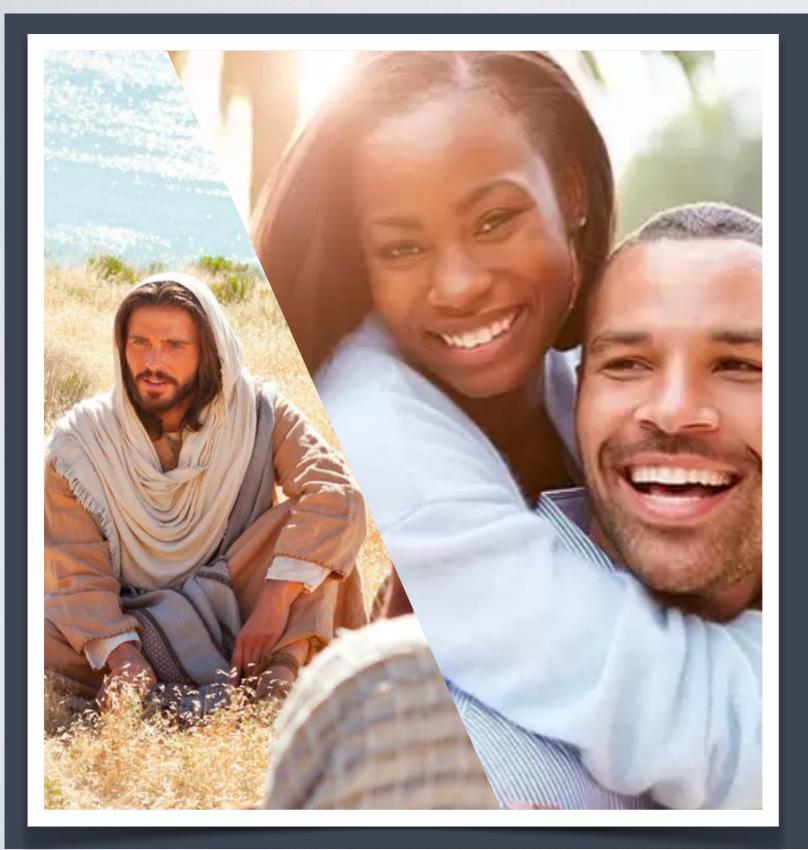


SIN INVOLVED IN EVERY DIVORCE (MAT. 5:31,32)



- Dishonors God (Gen 2:21-24; Mat 19:4-6; Prov. 14:2)
- Violates the law of love (Eph 5:25; Col. 3:19; 1 Pet 3:7; Tit. 2:4)
- Harms put away spouse (Mal. 2:14,16; Mat 5:31,32)
- Harms self (Is. 59,1,2; Gal 6:7-9)
- Harms children (Mal. 2:15)
- Harms society as a whole (Mal. 2:15; Prov. 14:34; Mat. 19:9)





A GOOD, LASTING, JOYFUL MARRIAGE **DOESN'T TAKE 2**— IT TAKES 3





Marriage Is A
Divine Institution
& Governed By
The Laws Of God

Marriage Is To Be A Life-Long Union Between One Man and One Woman -



A Happy & Successful Marriage is not determined by the perfection of our partner, but the level of OUR **COMMITMENT** to the LORD & OUR SPOUSE.



Serving God In Our Marriage Means That We Become The Husbands & Wives God Wants Us to Become.



HOW TO HAVE A LASTING & JOYFUL MAIR OF

MARRIAGE

WARNING / DANGER SIGNS WE NEED TO TAKE SERIOUSLY



- Don't listen
- Can't just talk
- Never laugh
- Prefer others
- Confrontational
- **Easily irritated**
- Always critical
- Angry / bitter
- Loss of respect

PROBLEMS ARISE AS ONE, OR BOTH, DRIFT AWAY FROM GOD

BAD ADVISORS

DESTRUCTIVE

ANGER / BITTERNESS

HURTFUL ACTS

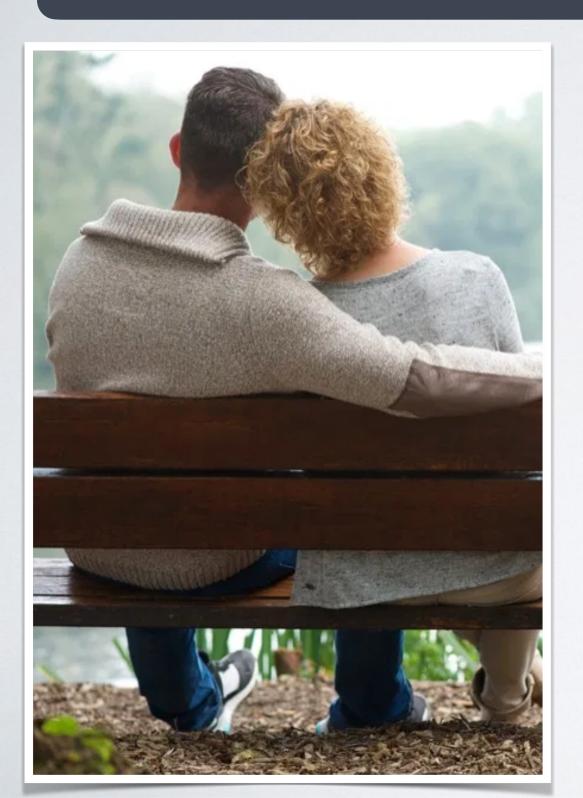
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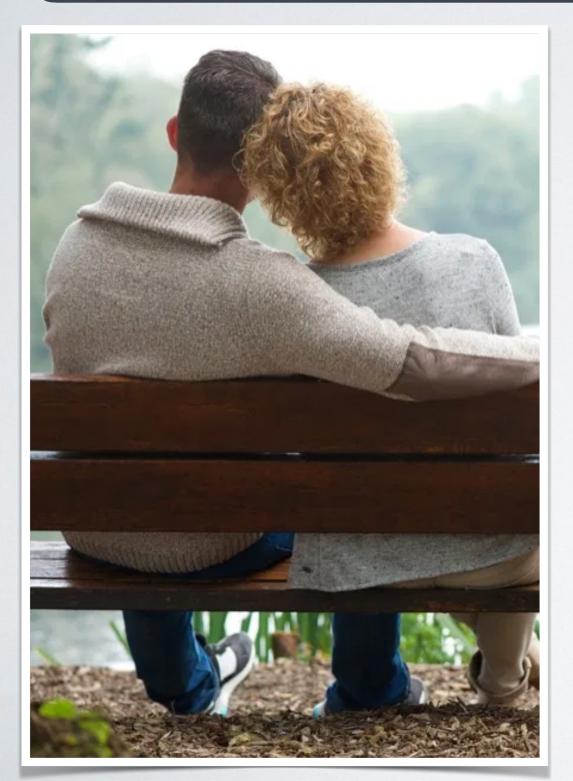


HAVING A **BLESSED** MARRIAGE (Matthew 5:3-12)



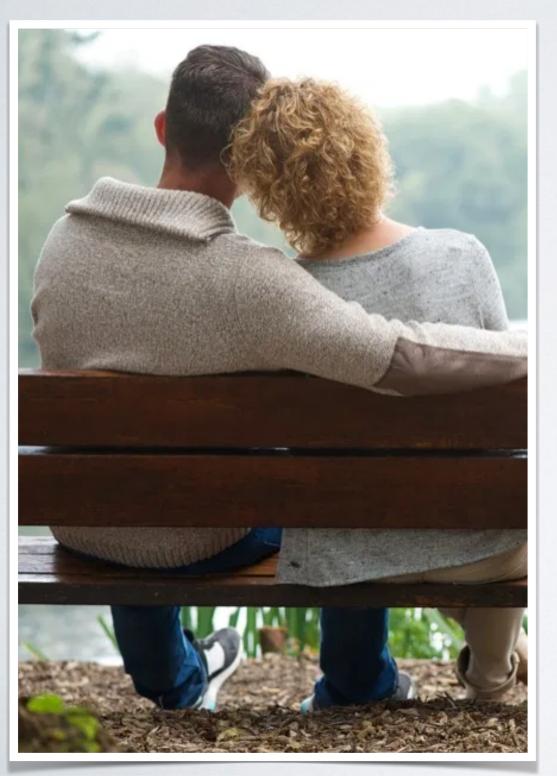
- Humility (3)
- Sorrow for wrongs (4)
- Submissive (5)
- Seek righteousness (6)
- Merciful, forgiving (7)
- Purity, sincere, holy (8)
- Seek path of peace (9)
- Endurance (10-12)

HAVING A FRUITFUL MARRIAGE (Galatians 5:22,23)



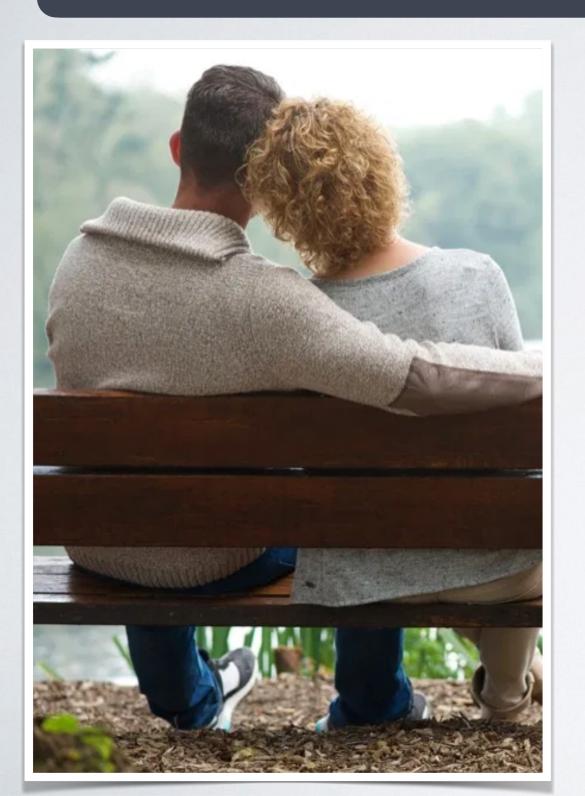
- Love (value & commitment)
- **Joy** (Phili. 4:6-13)
- Peace (Mt. 6:19-33; Ro 15:13)
- Longsuffering (Heb. 6:12)
- Kindness (benevolent, merciful)
- Goodness (virtuous generosity)
- Faithfulness (trustworthy)
- Gentleness (humble submission)
- Self-Control (thought & deed)

HAVING A LOVING MARRIAGE (I Corinthians 13:4-8)



- LOVE suffers long and is kind;
- LOVE does not envy; does not parade itself, Is not puffed up; Does not behave rudely, Does not seek its own, Is not provoked,
- LOVE thinks no evil; Does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;
- LOVE bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
- LOVE NEVER FAILS!

HAVING A LOVING MARRIAGE (I Corinthians 13:4-8)



When two people TRULY choose to love one another in marriage – they are ensuring the permanency of their relationship!



SUBMIT to God's order - (Eph. 5:21-31; 1 Pet. 3:1-7)

Learn to be CONTENT WITHIN God's will – (Phili. 4:11-13; Ep. 5:21-31; 1 Pt 3:1-7)

HONOR our VOWS, commitment, covenant – (Prov 2:17; Eccl. 5:4,5)



The Rule of Protection - (Guard against anything that weakens relationship)

The Rule of Care -(Provide emotional support)

The Rule of Time - (Undivided attention)

The rule of Honesty - (Historic, emotional, current, future)



We exalt God when we exalt His authority over our lives! (1 Pet. 3:15)

We honor God by valuing His institutions (Mal. 2:14-17)

We submit to God when we fulfill our roles (Eph. 5:22-25; 1 Pet. 3:1-7)

We should be very afraid of the consequences of rejecting God's will (1 Cor. 6:9-10; Rev. 21:8)





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True blessedness & success is ONLY achieved by the godly!

Our character and behavior will determine whether we will enjoy the fruit of true blessedness or the bitterness of ultimate failure!

IF a husband & wife apply the Lord's teachings to their own lives, they will experience true success - including a successful life together!

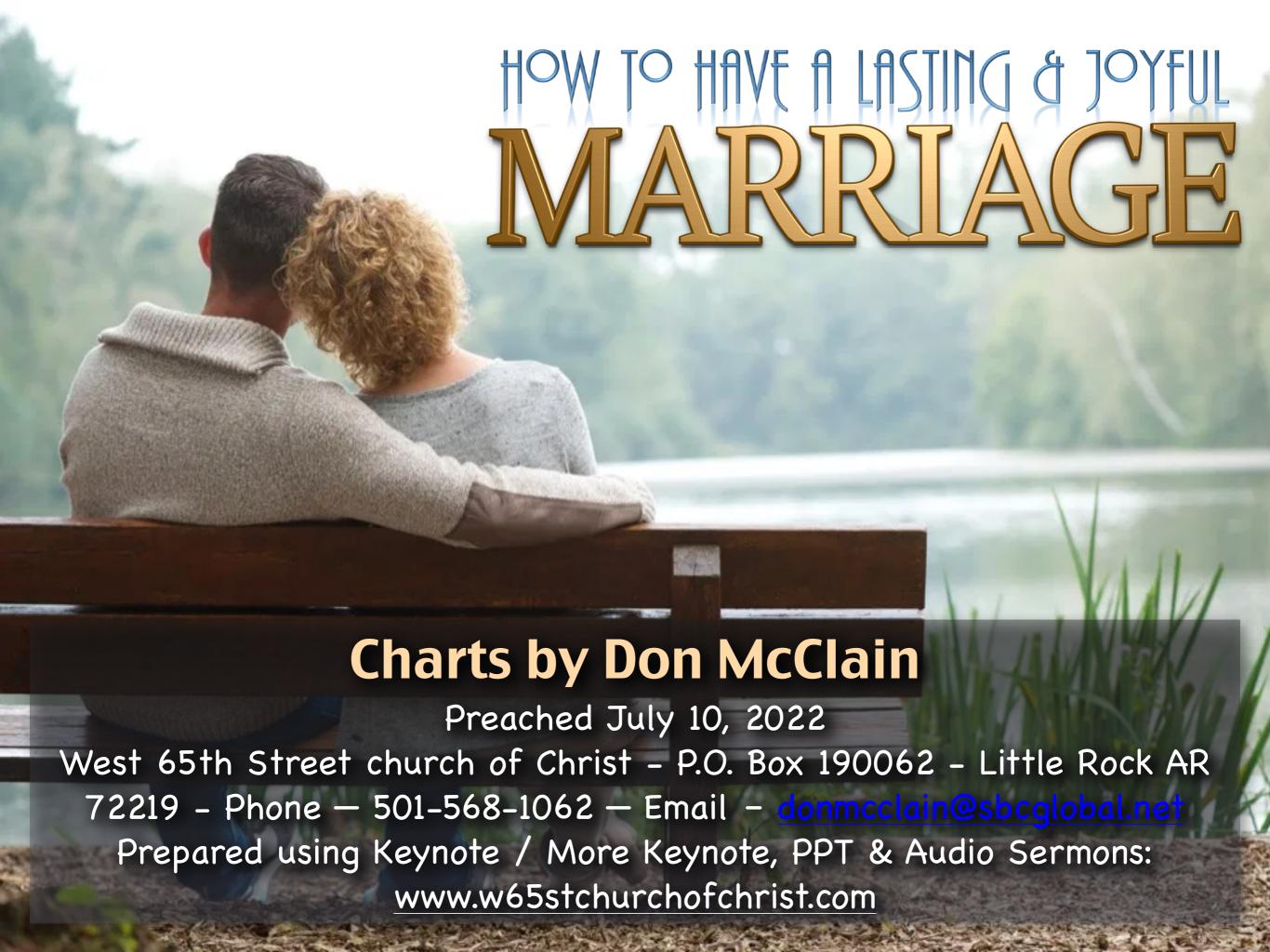


Problems will come!

Agree beforehand that divorce will NEVER be an option!

ANY MARRIAGE CAN BE SAVED IF ...!

CHOOSE THE LORD, CHOOSE LOVE, CHOOSE JOY!



Matthew 19:3–9 (NKJV)

³ The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?" 4 And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female, '5 and 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'? 6 So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

Matthew 19:3-9 (NKJV)

⁷ They said to Him, "Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?" 8 He said to them, "Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. 9 And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery."