

"The Tie That Binds"



*"How To Have A
Happy Marriage"*

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Threatened

By The World

By Ungodly Associates

By Ungodly Attitudes

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Marriage Myths



- ◆ Expecting spouse to be the perfect person (*Looks? Personality? Smart? Etc.*)
- ◆ I will change him/her -
- ◆ My spouse **MUST** make me happy all the time -
- ◆ Good marriages are simply a matter of luck -

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Genesis 2:18-24 (NKJV)

¹⁸ And the Lord God said, "*// is* not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him." . . . 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.

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Malachi 2:14-16 (NKJV)

¹⁴ Yet you say, "For what reason?" Because the Lord has been witness Between you and the wife of your youth, With whom you have dealt treacherously; Yet she is your companion And your wife by covenant. ¹⁵ But did He not make *them* one, Having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? He seeks godly offspring. Therefore take heed to your spirit, And let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth. ¹⁶ "For the Lord God of Israel says That He hates divorce, For it covers one's garment with violence," Says the Lord of hosts. "Therefore take heed to your spirit, That you do not deal treacherously."

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Matthew 19:3-6 (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."

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Romans 7:2-3 (NKJV)

² For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to *her* husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of *her* husband. ³ So then if, while *her* husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from that law, so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man.

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1 Corinthians 7:10-11 (NKJV)

¹⁰ Now to the married I command, *yet* not I but the Lord: A wife is not to depart from *her* husband. ¹¹ But even if she does depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to *her* husband. And a husband is not to divorce *his* wife.

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1 Corinthians 7:27 (NKJV)

²⁷ Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be loosed. Are you loosed from a wife? Do not seek a wife.

1 Corinthians 7:39 (NKJV)

³⁹ A wife is bound by law as long as her husband lives; but if her husband dies, she is at liberty to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord.

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The Purpose of Marriage



- ♦ **Companionship** - (Gen. 2:18; Prov. 2:17; Mal. 2:14; 1 Pet. 3:7)
- ♦ **Happiness** – (Prov. 5:18)
- ♦ **To Prevent Sexual Immorality** – (1 Cor. 7:2-5; Prov. 5:19; Heb. 13:4)
- ♦ **Godly Families** - (Mal. 2:15)

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The Biblical Standard Defined



**Wives
Submit
Husbands
Give**

Ephesians 5:21-31 (NKJV)

²¹ submitting to one another in the fear of God. ²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. ²⁴

Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in everything.

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²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, ²⁸ So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord *does* the church. . . .

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

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A Happy And Successful Marriage

...is not determined by the perfection
of your partner, but the level of **YOUR**
COMMITMENT to them and the Lord.

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The Cost of Commitment

(Luke 14:28, NKJV)

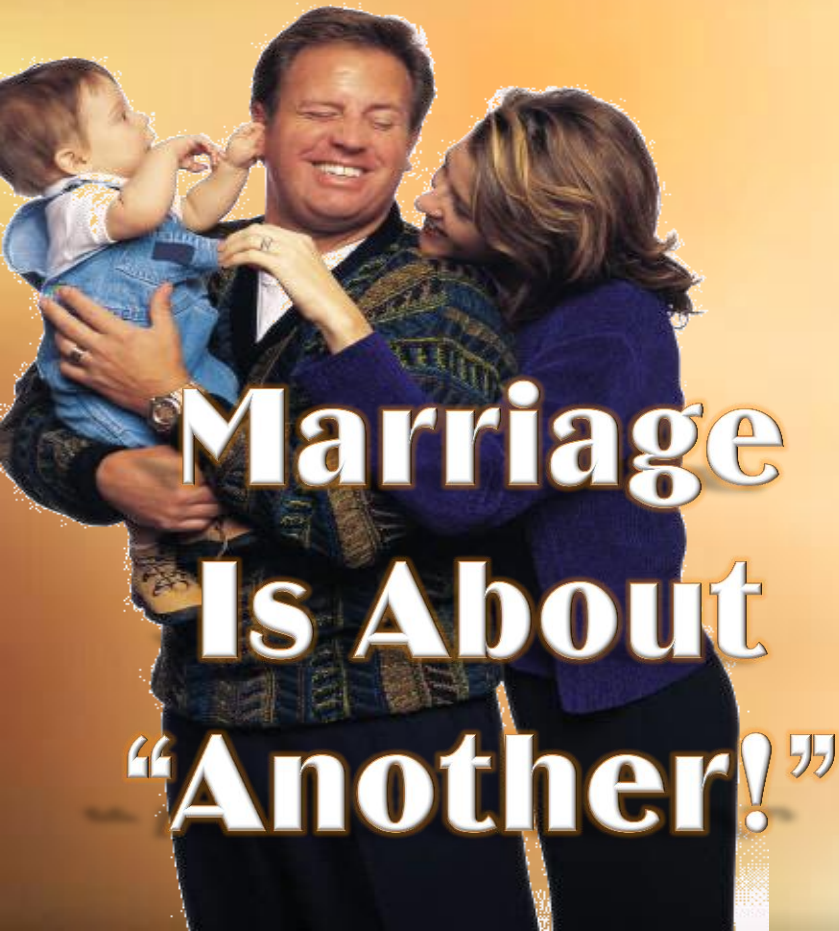
“...for better or worse...”?

- ◆ Spouse paralyzed?
- ◆ Bad accident and disfigured?
- ◆ Sickness?
- ◆ Weight gain?
- ◆ Job loss? / Financial Problems?
- ◆ Marriage problems?
- ◆ Getting older?



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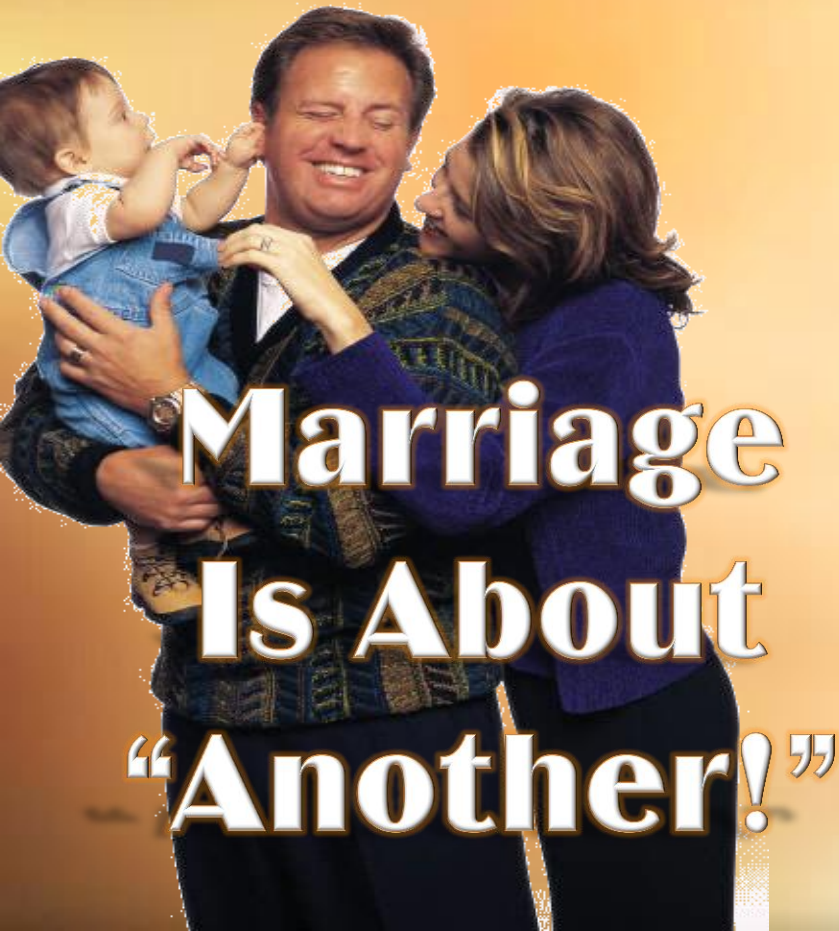


**Marriage
Is About
“Another!”**

- ◆ **Commitment –**
- ◆ **Communication –**
- ◆ **Control Self –**
- ◆ **Consideration –**
- ◆ **Compromise –**
- ◆ **Contentment –**
- ◆ **Carry Your Load –**

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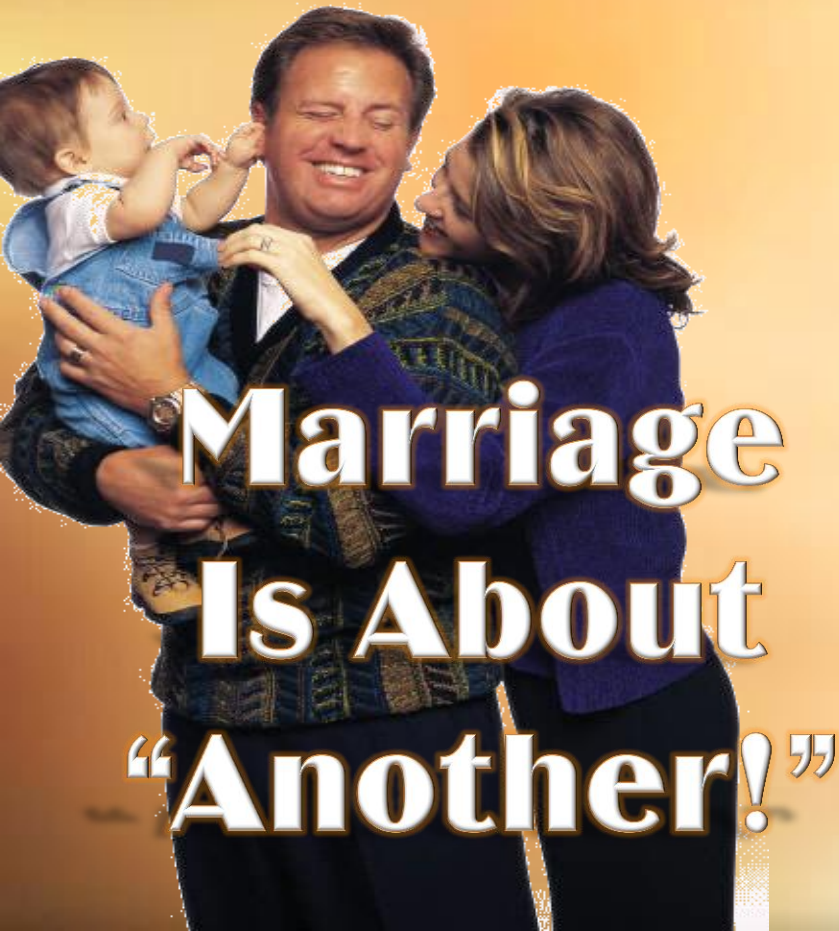


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- ◆ **Golden Rule -** (Mt. 7:12)
- ◆ **Respect & submit -**
(Eph. 5:33, 1 Tim. 3:11)
- ◆ **Do not be idle -**
(Prov. 31:27)
- ◆ **Use example over your
tongue to persuade -**
(1 Pet. 3:1)

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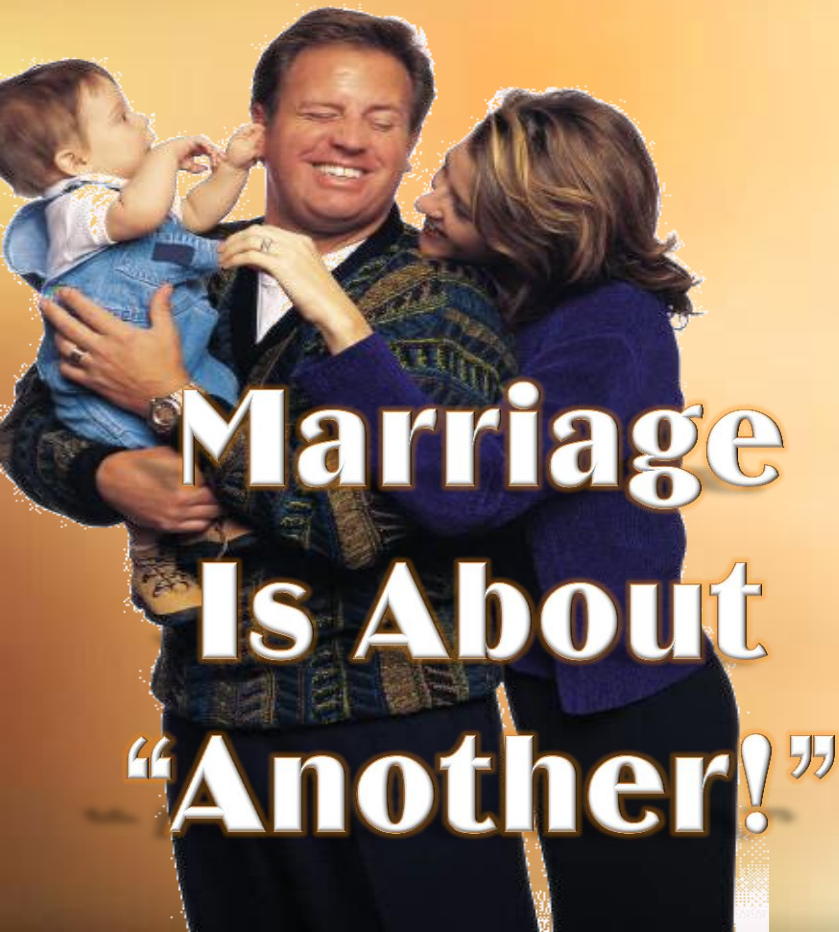


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- ♦ **Bring happiness -**
(Deut. 24:5)
- ♦ **Understand -** (1 Pet. 3:7)
- ♦ **Private time -** (Prov. 5:18)
- ♦ **Find, do, talk about things
that bring joy -** (Eccl. 9:9)
- ♦ **Love each other -**
(Eph. 5:25; Titus 2:4)

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- ♦ **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)

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Red Flags

- ◆ Enjoying spending time with others over spouse
- ◆ Easily distracted when spouse talks
- ◆ Inability to talk, discuss things
- ◆ Rarely if ever laugh together
- ◆ Arguing over dead issues
- ◆ Looking for excuses to stay away from the home
- ◆ Faultfinding, easily irritated
- ◆ Overly critical of spouse to others
- ◆ Resentment / anger towards spouse
- ◆ No respect in the relationship

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Problems will come!



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Agree beforehand that divorce is not going to be the answer!



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**As long as the Lord’s will is respected
by both parties –**

**Divorce will not come!
Only Happiness & Success**

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- ◆ Marriage Is A Divine Institution and is Governed By The Laws Of God –
- ◆ Marriage Is Intended To Be A Life-Long Union Between One Man and One Woman -
- ◆ God Hates Divorce -
- ◆ Remarriage For Any and All Parties is Adultery, (Except for the innocent Party having put Their spouse away because of fornication). (Mat. 5:31,32; 19:9)
- ◆ Serving God In Our Marriage Means That We Become The Husbands & Wives God Tells Us to Become.

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