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Questions about Marriage

In our lesson this week, we will tackle questions related to marriage. As I read the prayer requests on this website and talk with people I know personally, I can see the huge need that exists for spiritual guidance on marital issues. I hope that this study will give biblical insight to this most important subject.



Bible Question: What is marriage?

- Bible Answer: It is a God-created, mutually beneficial union between a man and a woman.
 - [Genesis 2: 18, 21-24](#)
 - God saw that man was alone and that it was not good. He created woman to be a companion and a helper.
 - Woman was created from Adam's rib to signify the oneness that should exist between husband and wife.
 - In Verse 24, the Word makes it clear that the relationship between husband and wife is a union that takes priority over other bonds that one has with family.

Bible Question: When is it permissible to leave a marriage?

- Bible Answer: When there has been marital unfaithfulness.
 - I Corinthians 7: 10-16
 - Even if your spouse is an unbeliever, the Word says that you must not divorce them.
 - I Corinthians 7: 39-40
 - Marriage is intended to last for life. When your spouse dies, you are free to marry again, however, Paul says that he believes that the widowed spouse will be happier if they stay unmarried.

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 - Matthew 19: 3-9
 - Jesus makes it clear that marital unfaithfulness (infidelity) is the only biblically acceptable reason for divorce.
 - Because marriage is a life-long decision, those who are not yet married must be very deliberate and careful in their choice of a spouse.
 - Unfortunately, our society today is quick to end marriages for reasons that are not permissible according to God's law.
 - It is evident through the scriptures that God desires that families stay together. When there is divorce, the lives of husband, wife and children are impacted.

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- Bible Answer: Yes...unless, you have the gift.
 - [1 Corinthians 7: 1-9, 27-28, 32-35](#)
 - The Word of God expresses to us that it is good for a man not to marry...but because there is so much sexual immorality that each man and woman should have a spouse.
 - Paul goes on to say that husbands and wives must fulfill their marital duty by giving their body to one another.
 - Paul concludes this passage by saying that the ability to be celibate is a “gift” that not all men have. In fact, you get the sense in this passage that while Paul has the “gift” that most men and women do not possess it.
 - Marital stressors and responsibilities can distract one from God. Paul speaks of being “divided” when one is married. He also gives us the sense that whether married or unmarried, that we should be content.

Bible Question: What is the formula for a successful marriage?

- Bible Answer: Wives, submit to your husbands and respect them. Husbands, love your wives and be willing to give yourself up for her.
 - [Ephesians 5: 22-33](#)
 - Quite simply, this passage gives us a picture of a husband who loves his wife as much as he loves himself. He is a husband who is willing to die for the woman he loves. Sensing that love from her husband, the wife submits to his leadership and respects him.
 - I would guess that most marriages that go wrong are lacking in love and respect. The Word of God outlines instructions for husbands and wives in an attempt to demonstrate the roles that each should play in making a marriage successful.

Without a doubt, there are many people who have complex issues in their marriages. The Bible is God's law, and while it does not address each marital situation you may have specifically, it is meant to give you guidelines and principles that will help you make Godly decisions in your marriage.