

Christian Home and Ministry

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I. Introduction.

A. Marriage is important because...

1. God came up with the idea of marriage.
2. Democracy depends on it.
3. It is the context for love and human relationships.
4. Sex apart from marriage results in a fragmented personality.

B. Reasons for problems.

1. People come in with their own patterns.
2. People make themselves vulnerable.
3. Selfishness. (Proverbs 13:10)
4. Satan.
5. Misconceptions about God's plan for marriage.

II. The parts of marriage.

A. The physical part. (1 Timothy 5:8)

1. God's plan is that the man make the living.
2. A husband is the head of the family. (Ephesians 5)
3. Husbands are to love their wives. (2 Peter 3:1-8)
4. A woman should lend to a home a spirit of contentment. Her home is her ministry.

B. The emotional part.

1. Women need love.
2. Men need admiration.
3. God is not listening to you if your relationship to your wife is not right. (1 Peter 3:7)
4. Women are weaker emotionally than men. God's plan was always for man to lead.
5. Women need the reassurance of your love.

6. Women need men to be kind and tender to them.

C. The spiritual part.

III. The problems of marriage.

IV. The purpose of marriage.

Application questions:

1. Why is marriage difficult?

2. What are some of the differences between men and women that might help us to understand each other better for a successful marriage?

3. What are some ways you would like to grow as a husband or wife? Explain.
