

# Lesson 4: A Biblical View of Marriage

*Genesis 2:24 NKJV*

*Therefore a man shall leave his father  
and mother and be joined to his wife,  
and they shall become one flesh.*



This series is about Biblical principles and not \_\_\_\_\_.

We are NOT pursuing a \_\_\_\_\_ acceptable view of marriage.

Not the flawed and imperfect 1950's view. Not the 2021 view.

Not even the \_\_\_\_\_ view  
which was also quite antiquated and barbaric.

We should be pursuing the \_\_\_\_\_ view. The only one that is truth.

**1<sup>st</sup> Bible Principle of Marriage – It Started in the \_\_\_\_\_.**

It was \_\_\_\_\_'s idea and plan from the beginning.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Principle – Marriage is Affected by the \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Genesis 3:16 NKJV*

*To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception;  
In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, and  
he shall rule over you."*

Note: the curse only added \_\_\_\_\_, it did not change the \_\_\_\_\_.

**1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 2:12-15 NKJV**

*And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. <sup>13</sup> For Adam was formed first, then Eve. <sup>14</sup> And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. <sup>15</sup> Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.*

(We will discuss the Biblical view of women in leadership next week...)

The man and the woman committed \_\_\_\_\_ in the garden.

Eve's sin was rooted in her \_\_\_\_\_.

Adam's sin was rooted in \_\_\_\_\_.

Which is worse? (See 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 15:22-23 if you need a hint)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Principle – Love is Based in \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13:4-8a NKJV**

*Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; <sup>5</sup> does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; <sup>6</sup> does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; <sup>7</sup> bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup> Love never fails.*

This is NOT a list of \_\_\_\_\_ responses.

This is a declaration of commitment to \_\_\_\_\_.

“If I love with a Godly love, I will do these things...”

**1<sup>st</sup> John 4:7-8 NKJV**

*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> He who does not love does not know God, **for God is love.***

So when you read 1<sup>st</sup> Cor 13, read it first as a series of promises from \_\_\_\_\_.

Then read it again as a series of \_\_\_\_\_ towards how we treat others.

## #4 – The Bible Speaks to each \_\_\_\_\_ at the Point of Struggle.

The underlying principle often applies to both genders, but the application at times is specific to the point where most struggle.

### *1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 2:8-10 NKJV*

*I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting; <sup>9</sup> in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, <sup>10</sup> but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works.*

Men are instructed to put their \_\_\_\_\_ in submission and openly worship God with all their heart.

Women are instructed to put their \_\_\_\_\_ in submission as part of their commitment to Godliness.

Does God care about a man's appearance? \_\_\_\_\_

Does God care about a woman's attitude? \_\_\_\_\_

But the principles behind the instruction are \_\_\_\_\_.

We will see this pattern continue in the Biblical model of marriage...

## Prelude to the Next Principles – Marriage has Multiple Goals

The emotional goal of marriage is \_\_\_\_\_.

*"It is not good that man should be alone..."*

The sociological goal of marriage is \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Be fruitful and multiple; fill the earth..."*

The societal goal of marriage is to be the \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one... You shall teach [these words] diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house..."*

The sexual goal of marriage is \_\_\_\_\_.

*"It is good for a man not to touch a woman... but if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn."*

**But what is the spiritual goal of marriage?**

## Another Prelude – What is God’s Plan for the Single Christian?

### **Romans 12:1-2 NKJV**

*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies **a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup> And **do not be conformed to this world**, but **be transformed** by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

### **Philippians 4:6-7, 11b NKJV**

*Be **anxious for nothing**, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; <sup>7</sup> and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. <sup>11</sup> ...for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content.*

### **Song of Songs 2:7 NKJV** (See also 3:5 and 8:4)

*I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles or by the does of the field, **do not stir up nor awaken love until it pleases.***

### **Psalms 68:6 NKJV**

***God sets the solitary in families**; He brings out those who are bound into prosperity; But the rebellious dwell in a dry land.*

### **1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 7:32-34, 36-38 NIV**

*I would like you to be free from concern.*

*An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord’s affairs—how he can please the Lord.*

*<sup>33</sup> But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world—how he can please his wife— <sup>34</sup> and his interests are divided. An unmarried woman or virgin is concerned about the Lord’s affairs: Her aim is to be devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit. But a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world—how she can please her husband.*

*<sup>36</sup> If anyone is worried that he might not be acting honorably toward the virgin he is engaged to, and if his passions are too strong and he feels he ought to marry, he should do as he wants. He is not sinning. They should get married. <sup>37</sup> But the man who has settled the matter in his own mind, who is under no compulsion but has control over his own will, and who has made up his mind not to marry the virgin—this man also does the right thing. <sup>38</sup> So then, he who marries the virgin does right, but he who does not marry her does better.*



## 5<sup>th</sup> Principle – Married Christians Have \_\_\_\_\_ Masters.

### *1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 7:4-5 NIV*

*The wife does not have authority over her own body but yields it to her husband. In the same way, the husband does not have authority over his own body but yields it to his wife. <sup>5</sup> Do not deprive each other except perhaps by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.*

Who comes first? \_\_\_\_\_.

Okay, then who comes second? \_\_\_\_\_.

So the married Christian comes in... \_\_\_\_\_!

The Spiritual Goal of Marriage...

## Final Principle – Marriage is a Model of \_\_\_\_\_.

### *Ephesians 5:21 NIV*

*Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.*

### *1<sup>st</sup> John 4:7a NKJV*

*Beloved, let us love one another...*

As noted in Principle #4, the commandments given in Ephesians 5 are universal and apply to both genders, but speak to each gender at the point of greatest need. Both genders are commanded to submit. Both genders are commanded to love.

But this passage gives an incredibly important practical application and an incredibly important eternal application of the marriage model for each gender.

### *Ephesians 5:22-24 NIV*

*Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord.*

*<sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.*

### ***Ephesians 5:25-33 NIV***

*Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her<sup>26</sup> to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,<sup>27</sup> and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.<sup>28</sup> In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.*

*<sup>29</sup>After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church—<sup>30</sup>for we are members of his body.*

*<sup>31</sup>“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”<sup>32</sup> This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.<sup>33</sup> However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.*

#### **The Gender specific instructions:**

Wives are commanded to \_\_\_\_\_.

The wife’s love models the love of the \_\_\_\_\_ towards Christ.

That love is one based in sacrifice demonstrated by submission.

Husbands are command to \_\_\_\_\_ their wives.

The husband’s love models the love of \_\_\_\_\_ towards His church.

That love is one based in sacrifice demonstrated by the example of Calvary.

**Marriage is meant to be a model of an eternal mystery –  
A union between two entities of completely different  
natures to serve a greater eternal purpose.**

This model and mystery should astound and inspire married Christians to do better.

But this model completely breaks down and makes no sense to \_\_\_\_\_.

And this model shows why \_\_\_\_\_ marriage totally violates scripture.