

Marriage

- I. Introduction.
 - A. Why get married?
 - B. What is marriage?
 - C. Who is to be married?
 - D. How many to be married?
 - E. What is something you love about marriage?
 - F. Besides a sexual experience with your spouse, tell a short exciting positive time with your spouse, either dating or married, and why.
- II. Scripture.
 - A. Word Study (KJV).
 - 1. "**Married**" (30), "**marry**" (22), "**marriage**" (19), "**marriages**" (3); 74 total.
 - 2. "**Wife**" (407), "**wives**" (133), "**husband**" (126), "**husbands**" (19); 685 total.
 - 3. "**Concubine**" (22), "**concubines**" (17); 39 total.
 - B. **Gen. 2:18-25**—"18 *And the LORD God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a help meet for him.'* 19 *And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.* 20 *And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.* 21 *And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;* 22 *And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made He a woman, and brought her unto 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 shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.* 25 *And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed."*

- C. **Jer. 3:20, 22**—²⁰*Surely as a wife treacherously departeth from her husband, so have ye dealt treacherously with me, O house of Israel, saith the LORD.* ²²*Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings...*
- D. **Heb. 13:4**—*Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.*
- E. **Pro. 18:22**—*Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favor of the LORD.*
- F. **1Ti. 5:14**—*I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.*
- G. **2Co. 6:14-18**—¹⁴*Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?* ¹⁵*And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?* ¹⁶*And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.* ¹⁷*Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,* ¹⁸*And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.*

III. Application.

- A. What is something you love about marriage?
- B. What “**one flesh**” concept/truths encourage you?
- C. What spoke to you about marriage?

- D. Will you promise again to honor God, your vows, and your spouse?

- E. Think of one thing in your marriage, how you can love your spouse more. Think of one thing in your marriage that your spouse could do to make you feel loved more.

- F. Think of five things that you love that your spouse has done for you, and thank them for it.