

## MARRIAGE, BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES

1. Marriage is a Divine Institution.
  - A. It provides a basis for order in the human race.
  - B. It provides boundaries for sex.
  - C. It provides a stable environment for our children.
2. Love is the foundation for marriage and should be the basic concept for marriage.
  - A. Sex is one of the many expressions of this love. Mental attitude love in marriage finds many areas of expression, such as conversation, companionship, graciousness, and sex. This is compatible with the concept of spirituality. The filling of the Holy Spirit produces a mental attitude of love, which finds many areas of expression in the Christian way of life.
3. Our love-happiness must precede our sex-happiness.
  - A. There must be first the touching of souls, before there is an enjoyable touching of bodies.
4. The husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the Church.
  - A. Ephesians 5:23, "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the Head of the Church: and he is the saviour of the body."
5. Leadership entails responsibility, the major responsibility in every home lies with the husband.
6. The husband is commanded to love his wife.
  - A. Ephesians 5:25, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave Himself for it."
7. The wife is never commanded to love her husband.
  - A. The wife is to be "taught" to love her husband.
  - B. Titus 2:4, "That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children."
  - C. This is rapport love, responsive love, which precedes from her husband's initiation of love.
8. The wife is to be a help-meet, literally, helper of the same species, to her husband.
  - A. Genesis 2:18-22.
9. The woman fulfills the man, the man is complete by having the woman.
  - A. 1 Corinthians 11:7-12.
10. The husband's love, both mental and physical, should be pre-dominantly aggressive and protective.
  - A. Man initiates, the wife's love should be responsive and receptive.
11. The real adjustment in marriage is in the area of the mental attitude.
  - A. We are what we think.
  - B. Proverbs 23:7, "As a man thinketh in his mind, so is he."

12. Since marriage is founded on mental attitude love, the older you become, the more wonderful marriage should be.
13. Man must be the head of the home, the Word of God must be the criterion for the operation of the home and the family.

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