

Question Series 6 - Questions on Marriage

1) What does the Bible teach about marriage?

God intends for two people to marry who are committed to each other for a lifetime. No matter what burdens, trials and tests they face, the couple is to stay faithful to each other till death do they part. Moreover, God's word has sanctified the marriage relationship because:

1. Marriage was instituted by God. (Read: Genesis 2:21-24)
2. Marriage was and is to be monogamous, meaning God gave Adam only one wife.
3. The husband and the wife are to be unified physically and spiritually. (Read: Matthew 9:6)
4. The husband is to be the head of the wife (Read: Ephesians 5:23). Marriage is to be heterosexual. (A homosexual relationship does not fit God's standards in the light of biblical revelation). God performed the first marriage. He sanctified and blessed the first home and family. (Read: Genesis 2:22,24)

2) What does the Bible teach about Christians marrying non-Christians?

The first requirement for marriage for a Christian is that he or she should marry a Christian. (Read: 1 Cor. 7:39) In II Cor. Paul says, "Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers." It is dangerous for a Christian to marry someone who is not a believer because they have different standards they live by and will usually bring the Christian down to their standard of living.

Christians should not only seek to marry Christians but should seek the Lord's guidance as to whom to marry among those who are Christians.

3) What authority does the husband have in the home? (Read: Eph 5:22-26)

God's plan for the family is for the husband to be subject to Christ, the wife is to be submissive to the husband and the children are to be in submission to the parents. The husband is not to rule over his wife as a dictator, but he does have the responsibility to make decisions on matters affecting the family. However, he should make those decisions with his wife.

The husband is to love his wife as Christ loves the church. If this principle is violated, the wife will begin to lose respect for her husband and will often rebel against his authority. As a result, it will affect the children and they too will become rebellious. (Read: Colossians 3:18) The wife should submit to the husband's authority only as long as he does not violate God's will. When God's will is followed then the husband will be under the authority of the Lord.

4) Does the Bible teach that women is equal to man?

(Read: Galatians 3:28)

According to this verse the answer is: yes. Being in Christ removes all race, sex and national distinctions. We are all equal at the foot of the cross. But while the sexes are equal we have different roles.