

Biblical Purposes of Marriage

Marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime.

Some common reasons why couples get married:

- Want children
- To escape a situation
- To fill a void
- To make happy or complete
- To gain social status
- Economic reasons
- For sexual pleasure

A lot of couples go into marriage thinking that the other person exists as their spouse in order to fulfill them and make them happy.

So, what happens when your spouse fails to make you feel fulfilled and happy? Even though marriage can be very joyful and fulfilling, the scripture offers us even greater purposes for marriage.

Below are some of these purposes:

1. To glorify God by being a beautiful illustration of the relationship of Christ to the church. (Ephesians 5:31-33)
2. To be the channel of sexual expression according to Biblical standards and to be the means for procreation and raising up the next generation. (Genesis 1:28, 2:24)
3. To provide companionship and needed assistance. (Genesis 1:28, 2:18)
4. To provide a means of spiritual growth in your life. (Pr. 27:17, Romans 8:28-29)

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