

## **Live In Faithfulness!**

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Mt. 5:27-30

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## **I. PURPOSE IN MARRIAGE**

### ***A. The Partnership Purpose***

Gen. 2:18 - The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

Gen. 1:28 - God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Gen. 2:21-24 - So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called `woman,' for she was taken out of man." For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

### ***B. The Procreation Purpose***

Gen. 3:20 - Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living.

Eph. 5: 25 - Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her

### ***C. The Pleasure Purpose***

1 Corinthians 7:1-5

1. Now for the matters you wrote about: It is good for a man not to marry.
2. But since there is so much immorality, each man should have his own wife, and each woman her own husband.
3. The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband.
4. The wife's body does not belong to her alone but also to her husband. In the same way, the husband's body does not belong to him alone but also to his wife.
5. Do not deprive each other except 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.

James 1:13-15

13. When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone;
14. but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire (lust), he is dragged away and enticed.
15. Then, after desire (lust) has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

## **II. PURITY IN MARRIAGE**

Marriage must be preserved!

Matt. 5:27-30

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Rev. 2:8-11

8. "To the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again.

9. I know your afflictions and your poverty--yet you are rich! I know the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

10. Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.

11. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death.

1Cor. 6:9-11 - Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you WERE. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Jn. 8:3-11

3. The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group

4. and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery.

5. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?"

6. They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger.

7. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her."

8. Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

9. At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there.

10. Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

11. "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."