

8. What did Jesus give as the one valid reason for divorce? Matthew 19:8-9  
*see also Matthew 5:31-32, 1 Corinthians 7:10-11*

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*Are you going to follow Jesus' teaching in this, as in all other areas of your life?*

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9. How does love, which is the supreme quality in life and in marriage, express itself? 1 Corinthians 13:1-8a, 13; Ephesians 5:21-33  
*see also Matthew 22:36-40, John 13:34*

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*Is your marriage going to be characterized by love?* \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Who should be loved most in a marriage? Luke 14:26  
*see also Matthew 10:36-39, 1 Corinthians 7:16, 1 Peter 3:1*

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*Are you going to ensure the happiness of your marriage by putting Jesus first?*

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11. Is it your intention to follow God's plan for your life and for your marriage, so that God will bless your life and your marriage and make them both the best they can be?

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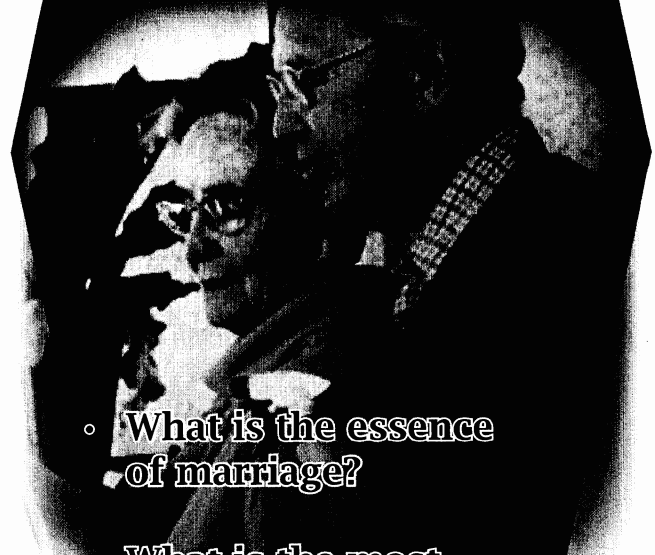
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# Guide to a Christian Marriage

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- What is the essence of marriage?
- What is the most important ingredient in marriage?
- Who should be loved most in a marriage?

1. How important is a Christian marriage to you? \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Are you determined to have a Christian home?* \_\_\_\_\_

2. Did marriage originate with God or man? Genesis 2:21-24, Matthew 19:4-6  
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*Are you going to follow God's plan in your marriage?* \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What sexes can be marriage partners, and how many can be involved in a marriage? 1 Corinthians 7:2, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10  
*see also Genesis 2:24, 1 Timothy 5:9, Romans 1:26-27*  
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*Is your marriage going to consist of one man and one woman?*  
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4. What is the 3-fold essence of marriage? Genesis 2:24  
*see also 1 Corinthians 6:16, 7:3-5*

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*Are you going to leave your original family relationship and establish a new one with your marriage partner?*  
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*Do you intend to be united with your spouse in heart, mind, body, and soul?*  
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5. Marriage is also a legal covenant. Who are the four parties to the covenant of marriage? Matthew 19:5-6, Malachi 2:14  
*see also Romans 13: 1-2*

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*Are you going to be faithful to the commitment to your spouse, to society, and to God?* \_\_\_\_\_

6. What happens to those who engage in sexual activity outside of marriage? 1 Corinthians 6:9-10  
*see also Galatians 5:19-21, Ephesians 5:5, 1 Thessalonians 3:7, Hebrews 13:4*  
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*Are you going to remain sexually faithful to your one marriage partner within the marriage relationship?*  
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7. How long should a couple stay married? Romans 7:2-3  
*see also 1 Corinthians 7:39, Malachi 2:16*  
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*Do you intend to remain faithful to your spouse as long as you both shall live?* \_\_\_\_\_  
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