

## 1. Find Your Life Partner the Right Way and at the Right Time

Many people choose partners based on physical attraction or social pressure, but Scripture teaches that marriage is a sacred covenant ordained by God (Genesis 2:18-24). Rushing into marriage without wisdom often leads to hardship.

Marriage is a covenantal relationship established by God, not just a human contract or emotional connection. It requires careful discernment and prayer (Proverbs 3:5-6).

### *Scripture:*

“He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the Lord.” (*Proverbs 18:22*)

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.” (*Proverbs 3:5-6*)

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### 2. Avoid Sexual Relationships Before Marriage

Sex before marriage is considered fornication, which Scripture condemns as sin (1 Corinthians 6:18-20). The body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, and sexual purity preserves God's blessings (Hebrews 13:4).

Sexual intimacy is reserved for marriage as a sacred union symbolizing Christ and the Church (Ephesians 5:31-32). Premarital sex breaks that sacred bond and brings spiritual and emotional consequences.

*Scripture:*

"Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body." (1 Corinthians 6:18)

"Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge." (Hebrews 13:4)

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3. Have Your Marriage Recognized by God (In Church)

A biblical marriage involves God's presence and blessing, often symbolized by being united before the church community (Malachi 2:14). Civil or cultural ceremonies alone don't establish the spiritual covenant.

Marriage is a holy covenant requiring God's sanctification. This is why the church wedding is significant as a public recognition and God-ordained union (Romans 7:2-3).

*Scripture:*

"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." (*Genesis 2:24*)

"Do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute is one body with her? For 'the two,' He says, 'shall become one flesh.'" (*1 Corinthians 6:16*)

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4. Follow Biblical Principles for a Successful Marriage

Learn from Ruth and Naomi

Ruth honored her mother-in-law Naomi, showing humility and faithfulness. This relationship led to divine blessings that extended to King David and Jesus Christ (Ruth 4:13-17; Matthew 1:5-6).

God often blesses marriages that show faithfulness, humility, and honoring relationships within the family. Respecting in-laws is part of honoring God's order (Ephesians 6:2-3).

Learn from Esther

Esther's rise to queen was due to God's providential favor, not just beauty or status (Esther 2:15-17). Her humility and courage brought salvation for her people.

True blessing in marriage and life comes from God's favor, granted through humility and obedience—not merely external qualities.

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#### 5. Roles of Husbands and Wives

##### **For Wives:**

Submit to your husbands as to the Lord, which means honoring your husband's God-ordained leadership in love (Ephesians 5:22-24).

Submission is a voluntary, loving respect modeled on the Church's submission to Christ. It creates harmony and reflects God's design.

##### **For Husbands:**

Love your wives sacrificially, as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for her (Ephesians 5:25-28).

Husbands are called to selfless love, care, and protection, imitating Christ's love for the Church, which is unconditional and sanctifying.

*Scripture:*

"Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord." (*Ephesians 5:22*)

"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her." (*Ephesians 5:25*)

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6. Prioritize God Above All

Marriage is important but temporary. Our eternal focus must be on God's kingdom (Luke 20:34-36; 1 Corinthians 7:29).

Earthly marriage is a shadow of the eternal union between Christ and the Church. Christians must prioritize their relationship with God above all, especially as the end times approach.

*Scripture:*

“But this I say, brethren, the time is short...” (*1 Corinthians 7:29*)

“But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage.” (*Luke 20:35*)

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Conclusion

When both husband and wife follow biblical instructions with God’s help, their marriage will be blessed with peace, success, and fruitfulness.

“Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.”  
(*Mark 10:9*)

“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” (*Matthew 6:33*)

May God richly bless your marriage and guide you in His love and truth.

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