

## Marriage & Family



### 346) What is marriage?

- A. Marriage is the most significant loving relationship that a man and a woman can enter into. It is characterized by security, loyalty, respect, support and devotion to one another.
- B. Marriage is a covenant relationship between a man and a woman. A covenantal relationship involves a vow of loyalty and is in effect until the death of one of the parties.
  - 1. A covenantal relationship is the strongest type of relationship two people can make.
- C. Marriage is a physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual union. That union starts at a certain level of intimacy and continues to grow over the years.
- D. A marriage forms a new family. Both the husband and wife leave their family's protective covering and form a new family unit.
  - 1. Newlyweds should not take their family adjustment problems back to their parents nor should parents or in-laws interfere with the newly formed family. The relationship with "mom and dad" dramatically changes at marriage.

"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."

EPH 5:31 NIV

"You ask, 'Why?' It is because the LORD is acting as the witness between you and the wife of your youth, because you have broken faith with her, though she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant."

MAL 2:14 NIV

### 347) Who established marriage?

- A. Marriage was established by God. Whether a couple was married in a church or before a judge, they are responsible before God to fulfill their vows to one another.

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"The LORD God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.' [19] Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. [20] So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. [21] 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. [22] Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. [23] 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.' [24] For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. [25] The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame."

GEN 2:18-25 NIV

"Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' [5] and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? [6] So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."

MATT 19:4-6 NIV

### 348) What is the purpose of marriage?

- A. Fellowship and companionship. God created man, male and female, and instilled emotional and sexual attraction between them. God designed men and women with differences that are only fulfilled by the opposite sex.

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

GEN 2:18 NIV

"He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the LORD."

PRO 18:22 NIV

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: [10] If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! [11] Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? [12] Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."

ECC 4:9-12 NIV

- B. Procreation. God directed Adam and Eve to be fruitful and multiply. God desires that man reproduce himself in the earth physically and spiritually.

1. Even if a couple remains childless, they can have a fulfilling and productive marriage because marriage is more than the production of children.

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. [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 1:27-28 NIV

"Has not the LORD made them one? In flesh and spirit they are his. And why one? Because he was seeking godly offspring. So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith with the wife of your youth."

MAL 2:15 NIV

"These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. [7] Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

DEU 6:6-7 NIV

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."

PRO 22:6 NIV

**349) Are there any restrictions on a Christian who desires to marry?**

- A. Yes. A Christian is not to marry an unbeliever.
- B. Marriage involves the close fellowship of two individuals. Your relationship with God is the most precious relationship in life. If you marry an unbeliever, you will never be able to share your love of Christ with them except on the most superficial level.
  - 1. Often the unsaved spouse feels threatened by the intimate relationship their Christian spouse has with the Lord.
  - 2. It is not unusual for an unsaved husband, motivated by jealousy, to demand that his saved wife stop going to church.
- C. In the worst case, the unsaved spouse will slowly wear down the moral and spiritual convictions of the saved spouse and draw them away from God.
- D. If you are already married to an unbelieving spouse, you are to remain married and in love and humility (without nagging) do all you can to win them to Christ.

"Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? [15] What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?"

2COR 6:14-15 NIV

"Do not intermarry with them. Do not give your daughters to their sons or take their daughters for your sons, [4] for they will turn your sons away from following me to serve other gods, and the LORD'S anger will burn against you and will quickly destroy you."

DEU 7:3-4 NIV

"A woman is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to marry anyone she wishes, but he must belong to the Lord."

1COR 7:39 NIV

"And if a woman has a husband who is not a believer and he is willing to live with her, she must not divorce him. [14] For the unbelieving husband has been sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife has been sanctified through her believing husband.

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Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy."  
1COR 7:13-14 NIV

"Wives, in the same way be submissive to your husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, [2] when they see the purity and reverence of your lives."  
1PETER 3:1-2 NIV

### 350) What is the role of the husband?

- A. The Christian husband is to love his wife as Christ loved the church. This is a high calling. Christ willingly laid down His life for the church. A husband is called to love his wife even to the point of death.
1. A husband is never to devalue God's creation by viewing his wife as property.

"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her"  
EPH 5:25 NIV

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. [13] Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."  
JOHN 15:12-13 NIV

- B. The husband is to provide for and protect his wife and children.  
C. The husband is to nurture his wife.

"In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. [29] After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church - ... However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband."  
EPH 5:28-29, 33 NIV

"Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them."  
COL 3:19 NIV

"If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."  
1TIM 5:8 NIV

"Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers."  
1PETER 3:7 NIV

- D. The husband is called to be the leader of the family.  
E. The husband is the priest of the home. He is called on by God to lead in spiritual matters.
1. If a man desires leadership in the church, he first must be a successful spiritual leader in his home.

"For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he

is the saviour of the body."

EPH 5:23 KJV

"(If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?)"

1TIM 3:5 NIV

### 351) What is the role of the wife?

A. She is to submit to her husband's leadership in the home.

"To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."

GEN 3:16 NIV

"Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. [23] For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. [24] Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything."

EPH 5:22-24 NIV

B. She is to be a helper to him.

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

GEN 2:18 NIV

C. She is to encourage and strengthen her husband.

D. She has primary responsibility for the children and the home.

"A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. [11] Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. [12] She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life."

PRO 31:10-12 NIV

"She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. [28] Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:"

PRO 31:27-28 NIV

### 352) What is God's view of the husband/wife relationship?

A. Men and women are of equal value in God's eye. A man is not inherently superior to a woman.

B. God does give man a leadership role in the family. He then expects the woman to submit to her husband in that role.

1. God has not called a man to be a dictator over his wife. God expects the man to lead by example, not by decree.

"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

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yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control."

1COR 7:3-5 NIV

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

GAL 3:28 NIV

"Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism"

ACT 10:34 NIV

"Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ."

EPH 5:21 NIV

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. [4] Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others."

PHIL 2:3-4 NIV

"Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them."

COL 3:19 NIV

### 353) Must everyone marry to be fulfilled in God?

- A. No. A person's wholeness is not dependent on a marriage partner but on the Lord.
- B. God has given some the gift of celibacy. When it is recognized as a gift, our service to God can be greatly increased.

"For in him we live and move and have our being." As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'"

ACT 17:28 NIV

"I wish that all men were as I am (single). But each man has his own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that. [8] Now to the unmarried and the widows I say: It is good for them to stay unmarried, as I am."

1COR 7:7-8 NIV

### 354) What if you desire marriage and God has withheld it?

- A. The wrong thing to do is to feel sorry for yourself. Such an attitude will open you up to Satan's torment and you will become ineffective in God's kingdom.
  - 1. You must realize that God's grace is sufficient to endure any disappointment.
- B. The right thing to do is take advantage of your current status of singleness to serve the Lord.

"I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. [12] I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. [13] I can do everything through him

who gives me strength."

PHIL 4:11-13 NIV

"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

2COR 9:8 NIV

"But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

2COR 12:9 NIV

"I would like you to be free from concern. An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord's affairs -how he can please the Lord. [33] But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world -how he can please his wife - [34] and his interests are divided. An unmarried woman or virgin is concerned about the Lord's affairs: Her aim is to be devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit. But a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world -how she can please her husband. [35] I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord."

1COR 7:32-35 NIV

### 355) What is a family?

- A. A typical family is a husband, wife and children. As a result of the current turmoil in society, there are many single parent families.
- B. The family unit is very important. The family is the main unit of society. Strong families mean a strong society. When the family unit breaks down, society will follow.
- C. When God deals with a man, he includes his family, for He sees them as a unit.

"Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain."

PSA 127:1 NIV

"But Joshua spared Rahab the prostitute, with her family and all who belonged to her, because she hid the men Joshua had sent as spies to Jericho - and she lives among the Israelites to this day."

JOS 6:25 NIV

"But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

JOS 24:15 NIV

"The ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite for three months, and the LORD blessed him and his entire household."

2SAM 6:11 NIV

### 356) What are the responsibilities of a parent?

- A. It is the responsibility of the parents to provide a safe, secure and loving environment for a child to grow up in.
- B. A parent is to teach their children the fear of God, righteousness, holy living, godly values, respect for authority, respect of others, and a willingness to work. Some of this teaching comes through instruction and some through the example of a holy life.
- C. It is the responsibility of the parents to dedicate their children to the Lord.

"Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. [4] Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children,"

TIT 2:3-4 NIV

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."

PRO 22:6 NIV

"Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him. [19] For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just, so that the LORD will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him."

GEN 18:18-19 NIV

"These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. [7] Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

DEU 6:6-7 NIV

"Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."

EPH 6:4 NIV

### 357) What is child dedication?

- A. It is a blessing bestowed on the child and his parents by God through the laying on of hands of the ministry.
- B. It is also a solemn covenant the parents make before God to raise their children to love and fear their God.
- C. It is performed when the ministry lay their hands on the child for blessing. They pray that the child might grow to serve God and that the parents will have the strength and guidance from God to raise the child properly.

"Then little children were brought to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked those who brought them. [14] Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." [15] When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there."

MAT 19:13-15 NIV

"People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. [14] When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the



little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. [15] I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." [16] And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them."

MARK 10:13-16 NIV

### 358) Why do we dedicate our children to God?

A. God required the first born child as a firstfruit offering. The child was not to be permanently given up. The child was to be redeemed back to the care of the parents after they were dedicated to God's service. This reinforces the fact that our children belong to God and as parents, we are stewards entrusted with the responsibility to raise our children to love God.

1. Hannah, the mother of the prophet Samuel, was an example of a women who did not redeem her child, but completely gave him into the Lord's service.

"Consecrate to me every firstborn male. The first offspring of every womb among the Israelites belongs to me, whether man or animal."

EXO 13:2 NIV

"Do not hold back offerings from your granaries or your vats. You must give me the firstborn of your sons."

EXO 22:29 NIV

"Redeem the firstborn donkey with a lamb, but if you do not redeem it, break its neck. Redeem all your firstborn sons. No one is to appear before me empty-handed."

EXO 34:20 NIV

"And she (Hannah) made a vow, saying, 'O LORD Almighty, if you will only look upon your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head. ... [27] I prayed for this child, and the LORD has granted me what I asked of him. [28] So now I give him to the LORD. For his whole life he will be given over to the LORD.' And he worshiped the LORD there."

1SAM 1:11, 27-28 NIV

### 359) What are the parents responsibilities during child dedication?

A. The parents pledge, or covenant with God, to raise their child in the ways of God.

1. If the parent can't fulfill that pledge, the child shouldn't be dedicated. It is better not to make a vow, than to vow before God, and break that vow. The ministry can, however, bless the child in the name of the Lord.

"In bitterness of soul Hannah wept much and prayed to the LORD. [11] And she made a vow, saying, 'O LORD Almighty, if you will only look upon your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head.'"

1SAM 1:10-11 NIV

"When a man makes a vow to the LORD or takes an oath to obligate himself by a pledge,

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he must not break his word but must do everything he said."

NUM 30:2 NIV

"When you make a vow to God, do not delay in fulfilling it. He has no pleasure in fools; fulfill your vow. [5] It is better not to vow than to make a vow and not fulfill it."

ECC 5:4-5 NIV

### 360) What help does God offer the single parent family?

- A. When a single parent calls out to God in prayer, He supplies what is missing in the home. He is the father to the fatherless, the husband for the unmarried.
- B. God offers special protection for those who are unable to defend themselves.
  - 1. The biblical concept of "widow" includes any woman who has lost the support of her husband, whether through death, abandonment or divorce.
- C. God calls on the church to help supply the physical and emotional lack that the children may experience in a single parent home.

"A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling."

PSA 68:5 NIV

"Do not take advantage of a widow or an orphan. [23] If you do and they cry out to me, I will certainly hear their cry. [24] My anger will be aroused, and I will kill you with the sword; your wives will become widows and your children fatherless."

EXO 22:22-24 NIV

"He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, giving him food and clothing."

DEU 10:18 NIV

"Leave your orphans; I will protect their lives. Your widows too can trust in me."

JER 49:11 NIV

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

JAM 1:27 NIV

### 361) What is the role of the children?

- A. Children are a gift of God to a family. Parents do not own their children, but serve as stewards over God's treasure of life.
- B. Children are to be trained by their parents in the lessons of life and godliness.
  - 1. Children are easily discouraged, so the parents must be loving, patient and kind as they instruct their children.
  - 2. Fathers need to take care never to embitter their children for they risk embittering them to Father God.
- C. Children are to obey their parents so when they are old enough they will willingly obey their God.

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. [2] "Honor your father and

mother" -which is the first commandment with a promise - [3] "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." [4] Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."

EPH 6:1-4 NIV

"Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. [21] Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged."

COL 3:20-21 NIV

### 362) What is divorce?

A. Divorce is a severing of the marriage relationship.

### 363) What is God's opinion of divorce?

A. God hates divorce. God hates it whenever any covenant, oath or vow is broken.

"You ask, 'Why?' It is because the LORD is acting as the witness between you and the wife of your youth, because you have broken faith with her, though she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant. [15] Has not the LORD made them one? In flesh and spirit they are his. And why one? Because he was seeking godly offspring. So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith with the wife of your youth. [16] "I hate divorce," says the LORD God of Israel, "and I hate a man's covering himself with violence as well as with his garment," says the LORD Almighty. So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith."

MAL 2:14-16 NIV

B. Although God hates divorce, He does recognize it and gave rules concerning the behavior of divorced people.

"If a man marries a woman who becomes displeasing to him because he finds something indecent about her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce, gives it to her and sends her from his house, [2] and if after she leaves his house she becomes the wife of another man, [3] and her second husband dislikes her and writes her a certificate of divorce, gives it to her and sends her from his house, or if he dies, [4] then her first husband, who divorced her, is not allowed to marry her again after she has been defiled. That would be detestable in the eyes of the LORD. Do not bring sin upon the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance."

DEU 24:1-4 NIV

C. Divorce was allowed only because of the hardness of men and women's hearts. If both husband and wife maintained a proper heart attitude towards God and their mate, there would be no place for divorce.

"Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" [3] "What did Moses command you?" he replied. [4] They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away." [5] "It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law," Jesus replied. [6] "But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.' [7] 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, [8] and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one. [9] Therefore what God has joined together, let man not

separate."

MARK 10:2-9 NIV

### 364) What are grounds for divorce?

A. Adultery is the only grounds for divorce that Jesus gives.

"It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.'  
[32] But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, causes her to become an adulteress, and anyone who marries the divorced woman commits adultery."

MAT 5:31-32 NIV

1. Even though adultery is grounds for divorce, reconciliation is the higher calling. We are to offer a spouse who sinned against us the same forgiveness that Christ offered us when we sinned against Him.

"The LORD said to me, "Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another and is an adulteress. Love her as the LORD loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes." [2] So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and about a homer and a lethek of barley. [3] Then I told her, "You are to live with me many days; you must not be a prostitute or be intimate with any man, and I will live with you."

HOS 3:1-3 NIV

B. Abandonment. In the case of an unbelieving spouse leaving a Christian, Paul told us to let them go.

"To the married I give this command (not I, but the Lord): A wife must not separate from her husband. [11] But if she does, she must remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband. And a husband must not divorce his wife. [12] To the rest I say this (I, not the Lord): If any brother has a wife who is not a believer and she is willing to live with him, he must not divorce her. [13] And if a woman has a husband who is not a believer and he is willing to live with her, she must not divorce him. [14] For the unbelieving husband has been sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife has been sanctified through her believing husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy. [15] But if the unbeliever leaves, let him do so. A believing man or woman is not bound in such circumstances; God has called us to live in peace. [16] How do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or, how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife? [17] Nevertheless, each one should retain the place in life that the Lord assigned to him and to which God has called him. This is the rule I lay down in all the churches."

1COR 7:10-17 NIV

### 365) Is divorce a sin?

A. Yes. Since divorce is the breaking of a covenant whose main feature is living with a person until parted by death, any severing of that relationship falls short of what God intended.

"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"

ROM 3:23 NIV

- B. God forgives sin. Those who have been divorced and cried out for God's forgiveness are not second class citizens in the kingdom of God.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

1JOHN 1:9 NIV

**366) What should you do if your spouse has hurt you or broken their marriage vows?**

- A. God calls us to forgiveness. Ask God to heal and restore the relationship. Restoration is always God's foremost desire.

"And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins."

MARK 11:25 NIV

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."

PSA 147:3 NIV

"To the married I give this command (not I, but the Lord): A wife must not separate from her husband. [11] But if she does, she must remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband. And a husband must not divorce his wife."

1COR 7:10-11 NIV

"All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: [19] that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. [20] We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God."

2COR 5:18-20 NIV

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Homework for Chapter 24

Please answer the following questions from the textbook in full sentences and return to your Group Leaders next week.

- 5) List the four types of union formed in a marriage.  
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- 6) List two purposes of marriage.  
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- 7) Explain why Christians are not to marry unbelievers.  
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- 8) List five roles of the husband in marriage.  
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- 9) List four roles of the wife in marriage.  
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- 10) Explain why we dedicate our children to God.  
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- 11) Explain what we are to do if our spouse breaks their marriage vows.  
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