



Title: "A Godly Marriage"

Text: Acts 18:1-3

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The purpose of marriage is to \_\_\_\_\_ God.

Three examples of marriage that glorifies God.

1. Their \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 18:1-3)

2. Their \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 16:3-5)

3. Their \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 18:18,19, 24-28; Romans 16:3-5;  
1 Corinthians 3:6; 2 Timothy 4:19)

How can your marriage glorify God?

The Bible affirms marriage and gives us guidelines as to what God's design for marriage is. Notably:

1. **Marriage is instituted and blessed by God**  
Genesis 2:18-25; 17:1-21; 25:20-26; Ruth; Song of Solomon; John 2:1-11
2. **Marriage is an exclusive relationship between a man and a woman**  
Genesis 1:26,27; 2:22-24; 1 Timothy 3:2,12; Titus 1:6
3. **Scripture condemns sexual intercourse and marriage between any humans except a male and female married to each other**  
Exodus 20:14; Leviticus 18:22; 20:13; Matthew 1:25; Acts 15:22-29; Romans 1:24-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9; 7:1,2; Ephesians 5:5; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-5; Hebrews 13:4
4. **Marriage is ideally a partnership between believers**  
1 Corinthians 7:10-17; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18; Ephesians 5:30-33; 1 John 4:7-21
5. **Marriage is a partnership**  
Genesis 1:26-30; 2:18,23-25; 1 Corinthians 7:1-5; 11:3; Galatians 3:28; Ephesians 5:23,25,28,29
5. **Marriage is a partnership that testifies of God's love**  
Romans 5:8; 15:1-7; Ephesians 5:1,2,21-30; 1 John 4:8

Some suggestions for the development of a life-long-lasting marriage that will glorify God:

1. Give God the first part of each day. Get up and pray in the morning.  
Mark 1:35
2. Give God the first day of each week. Worship, serve, grow, be active in the life ministry of His church  
1 Corinthians 16:2; Hebrews 10:23-25
3. Give God the first portion of your income. Keep records of what you give to be sure that you're giving what you think you're giving.  
Proverbs 3:9; Mark 12:41-44
4. Give God the first consideration in every decision. This includes your choice of house, close friends, work, church, school, etc.  
Matthew 6:33
5. Give Jesus first place in your heart always. Live in His presence as though He were the unseen resident in your house. He is you know!  
2 Corinthians 8:5