

# **The Christian Home and Ministry**

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## I. Introduction.

A. Marriage is important to God, important to our nation and important to the individual.  
(Romans 1)

## B. Reasons for problems.

1. People come in with their own patterns.
2. People make themselves vulnerable.
3. Selfishness. (Proverbs 13:10)
4. Satan.
5. Misconceptions about God's plan for marriage.

## II. The parts of marriage.

### A. The physical part. (1 Timothy 5:8)

1. God's plan is that the man make the living.
2. A husband is the head of the family. (Ephesians 5)
3. Husbands are to love their wives. (2 Peter 3:1-8)
4. A woman should lend to a home a spirit of contentment. Her home is her ministry.
5. Sex.
  - a. A husband is not to be crude, rude or hurried.
  - b. Husbands and wives are not to defraud one another. (1 Corinthians 7:4-5)
6. Children. We have a responsibility to teach discipline in our homes.

### B. The emotional part.

1. Women need love.
2. Men need admiration.
3. God is not listening to you if your relationship to your wife is not right. (1 Peter 3:7)
4. Women are weaker emotionally than men. God's plan was always for man to lead.
5. Women need the reassurance of your love.

6. Women need men to be kind and tender to them in their leadership. (Ephesians 4:32; Galatians 6)

7. Women need to know what is going on in their husband's life.

8. Women should not marry to change someone. They should pray if they see things they do not like in their husbands.

9. Women need to support their husbands. To do this they have to believe God. (Genesis 2:28; John 13:7; Proverbs 14:1)

C. The spiritual part.

III. The problems of marriage.

IV. The purpose of marriage.

**Application questions:**

1. Why is marriage difficult?

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2. What are some of the differences between men and women that might help us to understand each other better for a successful marriage?

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3. What are some ways you would like to grow as a husband or wife? Explain.

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