

Marriage & The Home

How Does Marriage Benefit Mankind?

Reading: [Genesis 2:21-23](#)

Text: [Genesis 2:18-25](#)

Introduction:

A. Did you read the story?

The Mother was trying to help her child find a T-shirt to take to school to have a drug awareness logo put on it. She could only find one shirt, but it already had something on it so she sent the child to school with it since they were running late. When the child arrived home, the shirt read on the front, "Families are forever!" and on the back, "Be Smart Don't Start!"

B. Marriage Helps Mankind By What It Provides:

1. An Honorable Place to live together [Hebrews 13:4](#)

A. Compliment one another [Genesis 2:18](#)

1. Mutual association and comfort
2. Propagate the race
3. Woman is man's co-partner and companion
4. All man needed for his completion physically, emotionally, intellectually, & socially was included in woman
5. Man's need and woman's ability to satisfy that need laid the foundation for marriage

B. Companionship [Genesis 2:24](#)

1. closest relationship on earth
2. closer than parent and child
3. parents raise children so children can eventually start their own family

C. Fulfill sexual needs [Genesis 2:24](#); [1 Corinthians 7:2-5](#)

1. [1 Corinthians 7:2](#) marriage meets sexual needs legitimately
2. "benevolence" debt, obligation; sexual obligation in the marriage [v. 3](#)
3. "render" to give or do something which fulfills an obligation
4. Neither party has right to withhold themselves from the other.
 - a. [Matthew 5:32](#) It is possible to PROVOKE unfaithfulness
 - b. This does not make it right, but neither is the cause.
5. As Christians belong to God, husbands and wives own each other [v. 4](#)
6. Think of all the diseases that would disappear if marriage was the only source for this fulfillment!

D. Committed relationship

1. promise of loyalty to one another
2. husband and wife can trust one another [Proverbs 31:11](#); [1 Peter 3:7](#)
3. leave and cleave -- bond that is not to be broken [Matthew 19:6](#)

2. A Stable Environment To Raise Children [Proverbs 22:6](#)

A. **Family unit:** fundamental teaching unit by word and deed

B. Teach them spiritual values [Ephesians 6:4](#)

C. Train them to fit into society [1 Corinthians 5:10](#)

D. Teach them respect for authority

1. Parental, school officials, government authorities, and their Creator
2. Discipline teaches respect [Hebrews 12:7-12](#)
3. We do a great disservice to a child when we withhold discipline

E. Prepare them for their own family

3. Welfare For Each Family Member

A. Parents to care for children [1 Timothy 5:8](#)

B. Children to care for aged parents [1 Timothy 5:4, 16](#)

1. What would the world be like if, children were not disposable?
2. What would it be like if our elderly were not abused?
3. *It's one thing not to have the ability, it's quite another to not take responsibility!*
4. There are laws against neglect and abuse, but how to enforce them!

4. Foundation for a stable society

A. [Deuteronomy 11:18-21](#)

B. God's way has always been the best, most blessed way.

1. Will you commit to Him today?
2. It may not be easy, but nothing this good ever has been!
3. Repent of your old way of life and be baptized into Christ that you may begin a new and fresh way!
4. This is something very few are willing to do, but those who do will never regret it!