

The One: Marriage Ephesians 5:22-33

From Singleness to Dating and Marriage, God has provided principles for our pursuit of the One. Today we're looking at the purpose of marriage, to becoming like Christ and to make him known to the world.

Ephesians 5:22-23

“Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot of wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.”

Marriage is designed:

1. To help you look like Christ.
2. To reflect Christ to the world.

Tools for Marriage:

1. Build your relationship with God and the Church.
2. Practice Communication and Conflict.

“Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way to Him, who is the head, Christ.”
Eph. 4:15

3. Develop self-control.

“A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls.”
Proverbs 25:28