



# MARRIAGE MADE IN HEAVEN

Lesson 1

# OBJECTIVES FOR THE QUARTER

1. State the primary purpose of marriage
2. State the fruit of the Spirit in relation to marriage
3. Live by the fruit of the Spirit

# LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION

1. **Expectations** of marriage
2. **Purpose** of marriage
3. **Growth** in marriage

# EXPECTATIONS

## **Why do people get married?**

- Lonely
- Desire to have children
- Pressure
- Dream
- Healthcare
- Happiness

## **Are expectations premeditated resentments?**

# EXPECTATIONS

**How did sin present new challenges? What were some of those challenges?**

- The blame game b/c of shame
- Imperfect harmony
- Work
- Pain in childbirth
- Death

What should one expect in marriage?

**CHALLENGES**

# PURPOSE

**What does, *'it's not good for man to be alone,'* say about man's nature?**

- He needs relationships

**What was God's solution to the problem?**

- He created woman

**What made the woman suitable for the man?**

- God fitted her him
- Complemented him
- NOT identical to him

# PURPOSE

What did **God** mean when he created them  
'male and female?' (cf Mt 19:3-6)

- One man for one woman for life

Therefore, what is **NOT** the primary purpose?

**HAPPINESS**

# PURPOSE

## How is marriage temporary yet permanent?

- It only is binding in this life (Matt 22:29-30)
- It is binding as long as both live (Rom 7:2-3)

Therefore, what is **NOT** the primary purpose?

**SATISFY LONELINESS**



# PURPOSE

**What was the eternal plan in ‘male and female’?** (Eph 5:29-32)

- Christ & the Church

**What does this analogy teach us about God & Marriage?**

So what **IS** the primary purpose?

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

# GROWTH

**Does marriage make you grow?**

**What happens if one spouse doesn't?**

- Grow farther apart, resentment, etc.

**How can marriage be described as a gym for the soul?**

# GROWTH

## What does it take for happiness in a marriage?

- Identify and improve personal faults
- No longer be self-centered
- Take God's character & make it yours (Fruit of the Spirit)

**Love**

**Longsuffering**

**Faithfulness**

**Joy**

**Kindness**

**Gentleness**

**Peace**

**Goodness**

**Self-Control**

# OBJECTIVES

**What should one expect in marriage?**

- Challenges

**What are NOT the primary purposes of marriage?**

- Happiness & Satisfy Loneliness

**What is the primary/eternal purpose?**

- Spiritual growth

**What is the way to achieve happiness in marriage?**

- Live by the fruit of the Spirit



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Lesson 2