

# Succeeding In Marriage

## Genesis 2:21-24

It's One Thing to BE Married, it's Quite Another to SUCCEED in Marriage.

God Wants your Marriage to Be Successful...for YOUR Benefit & HIS Glory.

**FIVE Biblical WAYS to have a Successful Marriage:**

### 1. **ESTABLISH BOUNDARIES.** (Genesis 2:21-24)

- EVE has Become a PART of ADAM & ADAM has Become a PART of EVE.
- Adam also Experiences a Change in Relationships with OTHER People too.
- HUSBANDS...when you married your WIFE, she becomes the #1 Person in your life.
- WIVES...when you married your HUSBAND, he becomes the #1 Person in your life.

### 2. **MAKE A DEEP COMMITMENT.** (Matthew 19:4-6)

- Keeping a marriage strong takes WORK!
- "Living Together" NEVER Creates a GODLY Marriage.
- Anything Worth Having is Worth Fighting for.
- When I said 'I DO that Means 'I WILL AND I'm NOT Giving Up."

### 3. **FULFILL YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES.** (1 Timothy 5:8)

- GOD Expects you to Take Care of Your Family.
- Take Care of Three Basic NEEDS your spouse has Physical, Emotional, Spiritual.
- There are Certain Things that ONLY GOD can fulfill.
- On This Side of Heaven, God has Placed US Together with Someone who can HELP Fulfill our NEEDS.

### 4. **BUILD COMPANIONSHIP.** (Ecclesiastes 4:9-11)

- Companionship is a KEY to a Healthy Marriage.
- Companionship can literally ADD More Quality Years to your life.
- A Companion goes with you through ALL the Ups & Downs of life.

### 5. **SHOW LOVING ACTIONS.** (1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

- The First Evidence of the Spirit the Bible mentions is LOVE.
- How GOD Defines LOVE?
- According to 1 Corinthians 13, love is ACTION rather than Emotion. (John 3:16)
- If you want a Successful Marriage, LOVE each other by your ACTIONS...
- One of the most beautiful Pictures of Marriage is found in Ephesians 5:22; 25-26.
- It's there, the Bible Compares Marriage to Christ's Relationship with US.