

## What is marriage?

In today's world, the idea of monogamy for life is often seen as antiquated and absurd. Jokes are sometimes made in reference to a person's "number". That "number" being the number of sexual partners the person has had in their life. Marriage is such an important topic that it is the second moral precept defined in the Bible. That definition is found in Genesis 2:24. *"Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh."*

There are three parts to this definition.

1. The couple to be married shall leave their parents.
2. The second step in becoming married is to cleave unto each other. That word "cleave" according to Strong's dictionary means to cling, to pursue hard, to stick together, to abide together.
3. They shall become one flesh. -The final step in becoming married is to "become one flesh". Strong's dictionary tells us that the word "flesh" means: "(by euphemism) the pudenda of a man" . That is the external genitalia. To complete the marriage process, the couple's genitalia become one. That is the sexual act.

Notice the order of things. Leave the parents, live together, then sex. According to the Bible, the final step in becoming married is the act of sex. The point to this order is that a couple should not live together until they are ready to be married, and they should not have sex until they are ready to be married, because the sexual act does indeed marry them. The Bible confirms this in several other verses. Science also tells us that sexual acts join two bodies in a way that is impossible by any other means. Sexually transmitted diseases are proof of this in themselves. God alone joins two people in marriage. The certificate and the ceremony are the workings of man and can be broken. The chemical reactions due to the mixing of bodily

fluids during sexual acts were put in place by God, and those effects are forever.

## Adultery and Divorce

According to society, adultery takes place when a married person has an affair. However, Jesus tells us that lusting after someone is committing adultery. *"Mat 5:28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart."*

The Bible states that divorce is often the cause of adultery. *"Mar 10:11 And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her. Mar 10:12 And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery."*

These verses clearly show that if a man or woman divorces and remarries, he or she is an adulterer. The Bible only lists two ways that a marriage can be ended. One way is if a person's spouse commits adultery. *"Mat 5:32 But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery."*

The other way is if one member of the married couple dies. *"Rom 7:2 For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. Rom 7:3 So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man."*

The fact is that if our "number" is more than one, we have committed adultery unless all of our previous sexual partners are dead or cheated on us. That is the standard by which everyone will be measured. Therefore, parents

are obligated to teach their children that standard. If one generation would be taught that standard and follow it, the benefits would be incredible. That generation would not have sexually transmitted diseases. The diseases simply could not spread if everyone's "number" was one. They would be out of school, self sufficient, and would be prepared for marriage before they ever had sex. They would know each other very well before they married by joining their bodies. That generation would not know the pain of having a spouse cheat on them. In Genesis 6, we are told that men of God started choosing their wives based upon looks rather than Godly behavior. The outcome was that the children that came out of these marriages took on the moral character of their mothers who in this case were not women of God. The Bible describes them as "daughters of men". In other words, they were earthly in their desires and were not following God. These verses show how important the mother figure is in a child's development. Over and over again in the Old Testament, God's people were instructed not to intermarry with people of different faiths. Parents must teach their children to choose a spouse based upon moral compatibility rather than appearance. If they do this, what the rest of the world is doing will not matter. The children who are taught in this manner and who live their lives accordingly will enjoy all of the benefits stated above. There is no need to instruct a 10 year old in how to perform oral or anal sex. Parents can lay the foundations of a healthy sexual education with precepts directly from the Bible. Sexual education should take place at an appropriate age following a healthy moral foundation. Part of a parent's duty to their children is to help them understand the importance of marriage. Parents must explain to their children the benefits of choosing a morally equal spouse. Parents are obligated to teach their children what constitutes a marriage in God's eyes. There is more information on this topic on the web site: [Godmadeus.com](http://Godmadeus.com)

## **Biblical Precepts concerning Marriage and Sex**

I read an article about school authorities in King County, WA defending a principal who had taught 10 and 11 year old children about oral and anal sex. I simply cannot fathom a world where a 10 year old little boy or girl needs to know how to have any kind of sex. I completely understand that children of that age will be curious about their bodies. However, making the leap from education about their bodies to instruction on sexual activities is going way too far in my opinion. One may wonder if there are any moral values taught in these classes. If so, what moral guideline is used. The absence of any moral guidelines in the curriculum could leave the children with the idea that sex and morality are mutually exclusive. The Bible is the greatest moral foundation a child could ever be given. If the children of any generation would start following the moral precepts in the Bible, all of the problems associated with sex would disappear. Imagine a world with no sexually transmitted diseases. Imagine a world with no divorce. Imagine a world where no hearts were ever jaded by a cheating spouse. This is the world that God would have for us all. However, we cannot change the entire world. Right? That is the beauty of the moral precepts as set forth in the Bible. Everyone does not have to follow the Biblical moral code. Only those who want the benefit, need follow them. How does that work? Let's go to the Bible for the answers.

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