

Redefining Expectations

Week #4

Your Purpose in Marriage

Introduction:

- Review the last three weeks:
 - Foundation of Marriage
 - Preparing for Marriage
 - Communication in Marriage
- **Teaching Point #1-** Love is a choice you make, not a feeling you have.
- **Teaching Point #2-** We are all looking for happiness in our marriages but God is looking for Godliness in them!
- The 3 part will of God for your marriage:
 1. Each be conformed to the image of Christ
 2. Establish the picture of Christ and the Church
 3. Give God all the glory

Tonight we will answer: What is my role in fulfilling the will of God in our marriage.

Here is the game plan to get that done: We are going to look at the 4 most prevalent marriage passages in the bible and see exactly what God told each spouse to “do” in marriage.

1. Marriage Passage 1: Genesis 2:18-25

- **Wife Role 1: Be your husbands Help meet-** Vs 18-23
- **Husband Role 1: Allow your wife to help you-** Vs 18-23
- **Couple Role 1: Leave and cleave-** Vs 24
- **Couple Role 2: Be one flesh-** Vs 24-25
- **Couple Role 3: Be fruitful and multiply-** Gen 1:26-28
 - 1 Thes. 5:24- Faithful *is* he that calleth you, who also will do *it*.
- **Teaching Point #3-** If you don't have spiritual fruit, or are not working in that direction, then you are out of the will of God for your marriage in this area, even if you have physical children.

2. Marriage Passage 2: Ephesians 5:21-33

- **Couple Role 4: Put your spouse first-** Vs 21
- **Wife Role 2: Submit to your husband-** Vs 22-24
- **Teaching Point #4-** Submit to the position of authority rather than the person of authority.
- **Husband Role 2: Love your wife-** Vs 25
- **Husband Role 3: Wash her with the Word-** Vs 26-32
- **Teaching Point #5-** A husband who isn't consistently in the Word of God is not capable of loving his wife like Jesus did the church!
- **Wife Role 3: _____ your husband-** Vs 33

3. Marriage Passage 3: 1 Corinthians 7:1-9

- **Couple Role 5: Have your _____ spouse-** Vs 1-2
- **Teaching point #6-** Stop looking to see if the _____ could be _____ elsewhere!
 - Pro 5:15- Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well.
 - Pro 5:18- Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.
- **Couple Role 6: _____ due benevolence-** Vs 3
- **Couple Role 7: Have intimacy! A lot of it!-** Vs 4-5

4. Marriage Passage 4: 1 Peter 3:1-9

- **Wife role 4: Have a _____ of Godliness-** Vs 1-6
 - Tit 2:3-5- The aged women likewise, that *they be* in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; (4) That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, (5) *To be* discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.
- **Husband Role 4: _____ your wife-** Vs 7
- **Couple Role 8: Choose to _____ -** Vs 8-9

