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Keeping the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus Christ

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Welcome

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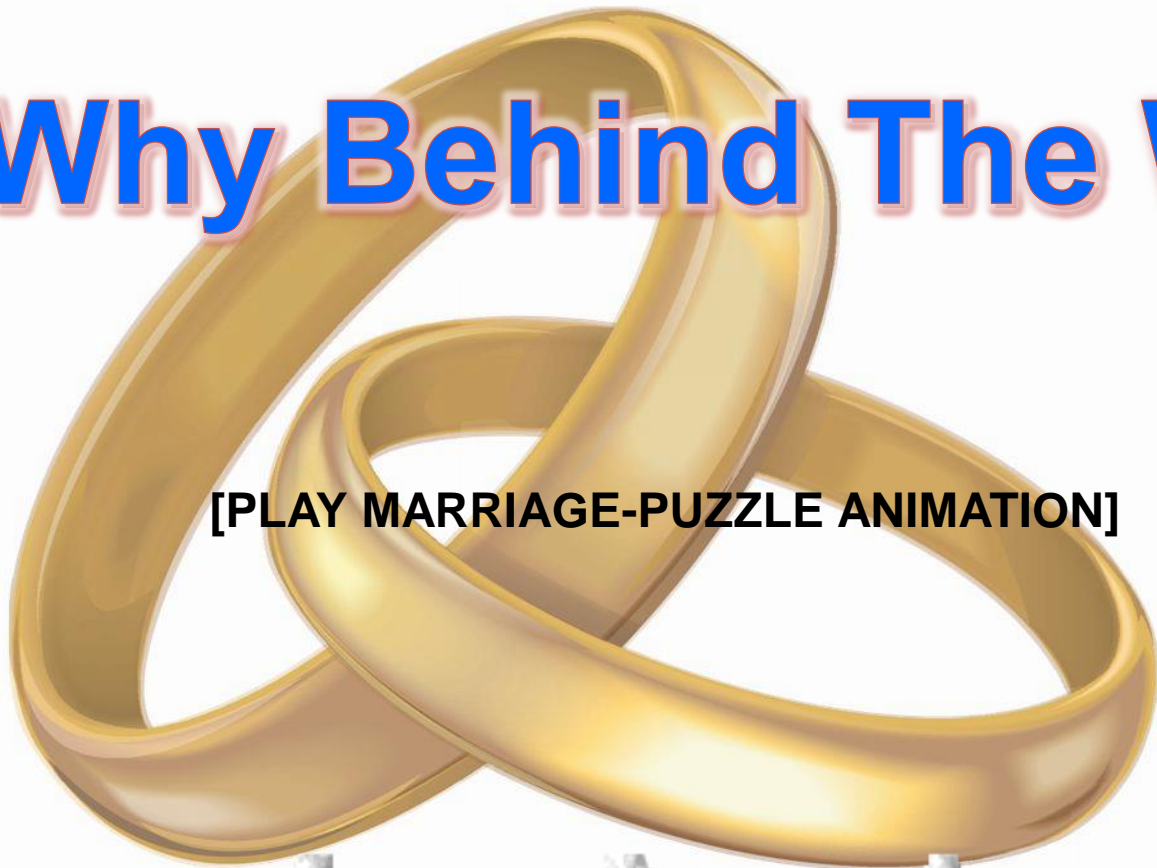
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Marriage is for **God's Glory!**

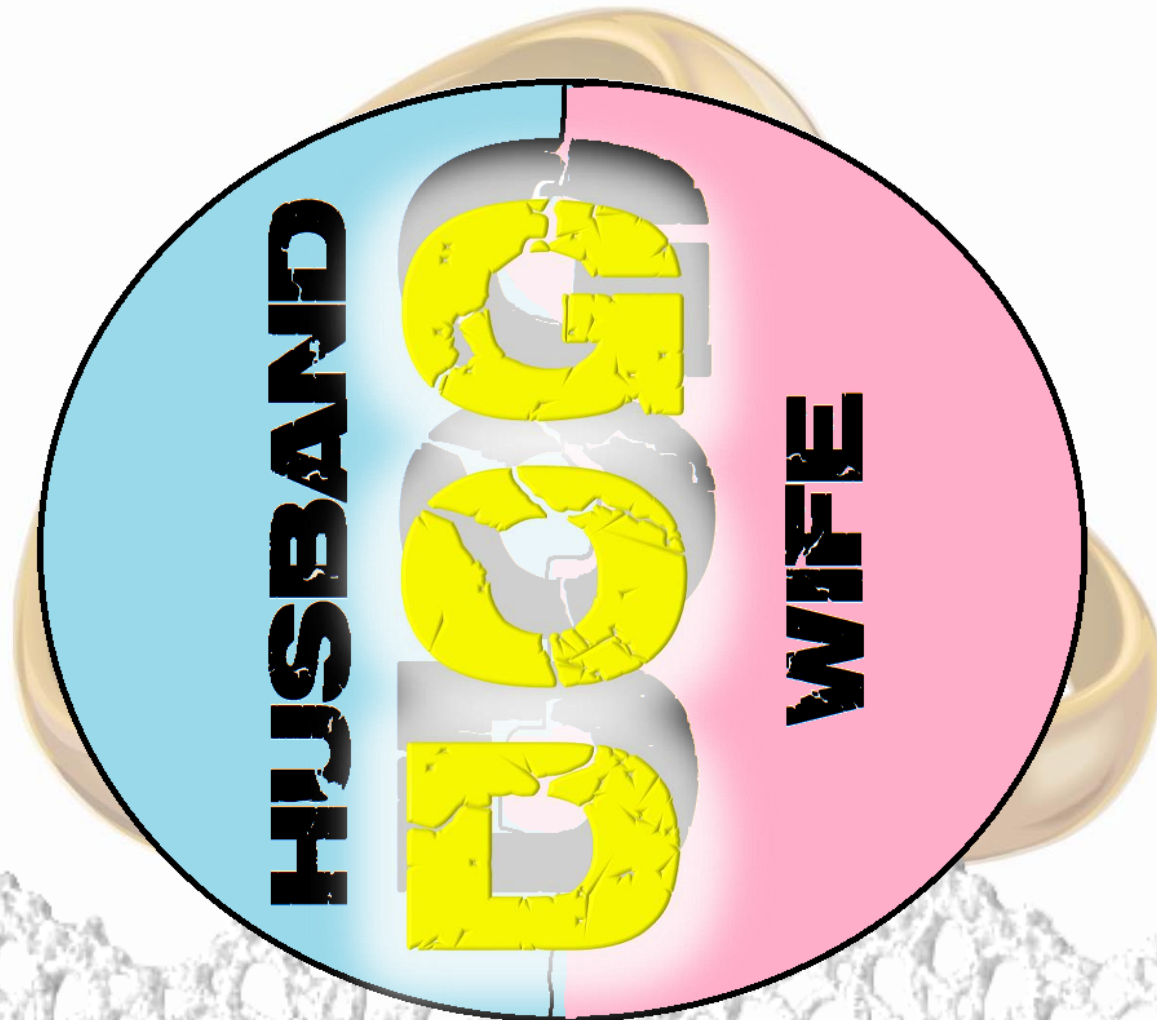
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ELUSIVE HAPPINESS

“For whosoever will
save his life shall lose it:
and whosoever will lose
his life for my sake shall
find it.” (Matthew 16:25)

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ELUSIVE HAPPINESS

“Happiness is something you stumble over on your way to serving Jesus. When you are serving the Lord Jesus Christ, happiness is the by-product of righteousness.” -- Adrian Rogers

Seek for happiness and you will never find it. Seek righteousness and you will discover you are happy. It will be there without your knowing it, without your seeking it. -- D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

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Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

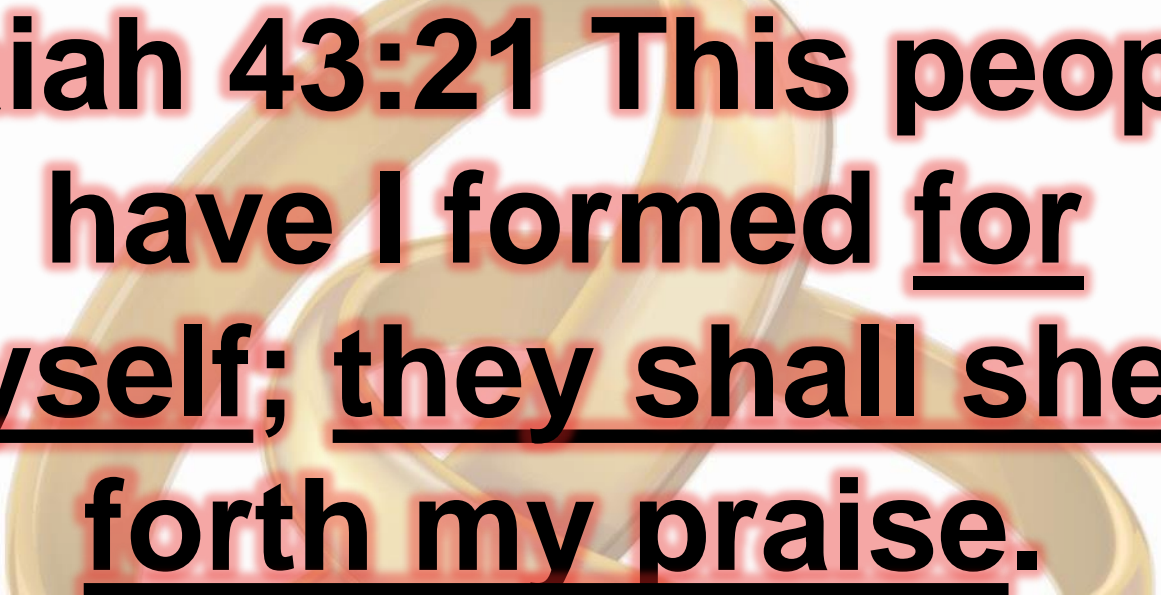
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Revelation 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and **for thy pleasure** they are and were created.

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**Isaiah 43:21 This people
have I formed for
myself; they shall shew
forth my praise.**

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Isaiah 43:7 *Even every one*
that is called by my name:
for I have created him for
my glory, I have formed
him; yea, I have made him.

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Psalm 115:1 Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory,
for thy mercy, *and* for thy truth's sake.

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1 Corinthians 10:31

**Whether therefore ye eat, or
drink, or whatsoever ye do,
do all to the glory of God.**

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Proverbs 29:18 Where *there is* no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy *is* he.

**Proverbs 29:18 (In a marriage)
Where *there is* no vision, the people perish: but (s)he that keepeth the law
(thru the spirit) , happy *is* (s)he.**

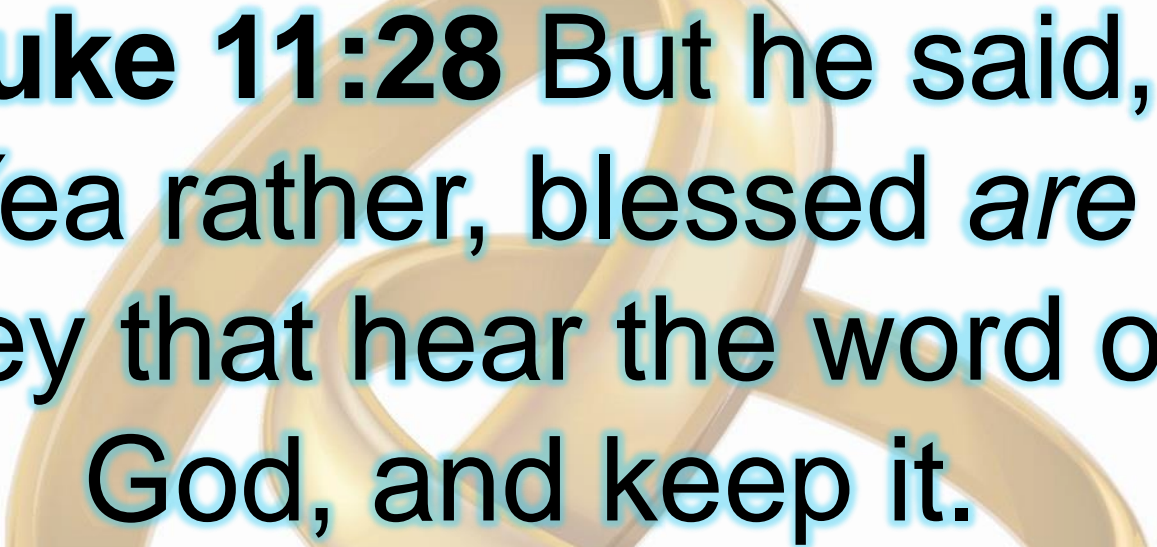
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Psalm 1:1-2 Blessed (Happy) *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his **delight** *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

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Luke 11:28 But he said,
Yea rather, blessed *are*
they that hear the word of
God, and keep it.

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Romans 8:4-8 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is **not** subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

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Matthew 7:24-27 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, **which built his house upon a rock:** And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

SOLID FOUNDATION

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Genesis 2:18 And the LORD God said, *It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.*

Strong's Hebrew Dictionary 5828. עֵזֶר ('êzer)
' עֵזֶר, ay'-zer from H5826; aid:—help. *masculine noun*

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Psalm 33:20-21 Our soul waiteth for the LORD: **he is our help** and our shield. For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.

Psalm 70:5 But I *am* poor and needy: make haste unto me, O God: **thou art my help** and my deliverer; O LORD, make no tarrying.

Psalm 115:11 Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD: **he is their help** and their shield.

Psalm 146:5 Happy *is he* that *hath* the God of Jacob **for his help**, whose hope *is* in the LORD his God:

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The woman was made of a **rib** out of the **side** of Adam; not made out of his **head to top** him, nor out of his **feet** to be **trampled** on by him, but out of his **side** to be **equal** with him, **under his arm** to be **protected**, and **near his heart** to be **loved** by him.

- **Matthew Henry**
- Quoted in: Who Are the Puritans? Erroll Hulse, Evangelical Press, p. 141.

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Matthew 19:3-6 The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, **Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?** And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made *them* at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

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Matthew 19:7-9 They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? He saith unto them, **Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.** And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, **except *it be* for fornication**, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.

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Matthew 19:10-12 His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with *his* wife, **it is not good to marry. But he said unto them, All *men* cannot receive this saying, save *they* to whom it is given.** For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from *their* mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: **and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive *it*, let him receive *it*.**

AVOID THE COUNSEL OF THE UNGODLY

Lest you receive
ungodly counsel!



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EPHESIANS 5:25

**“HUSBANDS, LOVE YOUR WIVES,
JUST AS CHRIST LOVED
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HIMSELF UP FOR HER.”**



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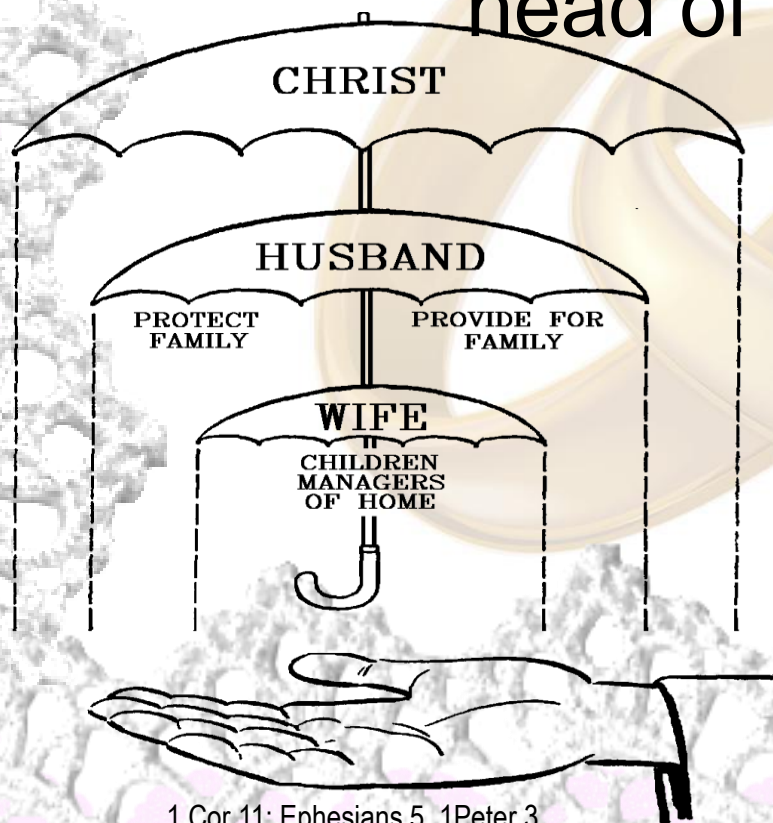
- **Colossians 3:18-19** Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. Husbands, love *your* wives, and be not bitter against them.

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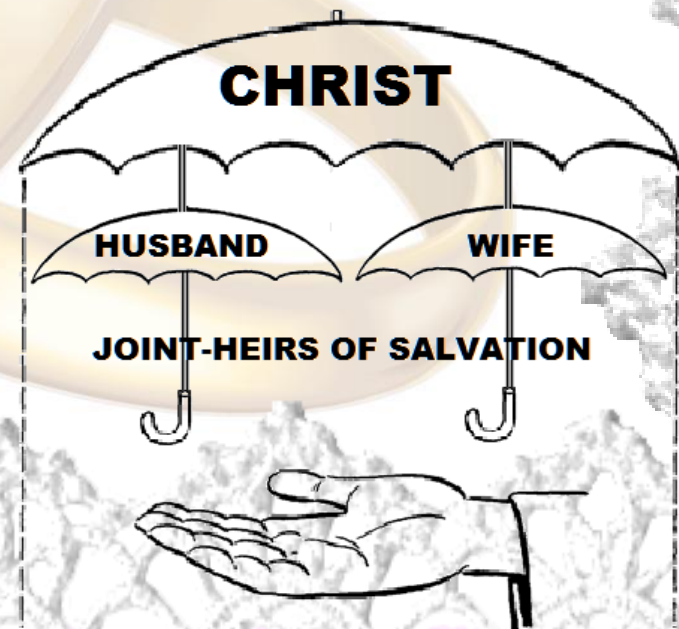
Ephesians 5:21-24 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. Wives, **submit** yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the **head** of the wife, even **as Christ** is the **head** of the church: and he is the **saviour** of the body. Therefore as the church is **subject** unto Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands **in every thing**.

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1 Corinthians 11:3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman *is* the man; and the head of Christ *is* God.



1 Cor 11; Ephesians 5, 1Peter 3



Ga 3:28-29; Lu 20:35-36; 1Co 12:12-13; Rom 8:16-17; 1 Pet 3:7

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Ephesians 5:25-27 Husbands, love your wives, even as **Christ** also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might **sanctify** and **cleanse** it with the **washing of water by the word**, That he might present it to himself a **glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing**; but that it should be **holy** and **without blemish**.



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Ephesians 5:28-30 So ought men to **love** their wives as **their own bodies**. He that **loveth his wife** loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but **nourisheth and cherisheth it**, even as the Lord the church: **For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.**



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Ephesians 5:31-33 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence *her* husband.



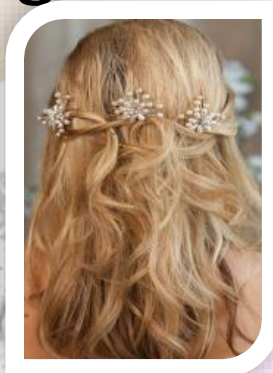
A Godly Marriage

*Nevertheless, let each one of you
so love his own wife as himself,
and let the wife see that
she respects her husband.*

Ephesians 5:32-33

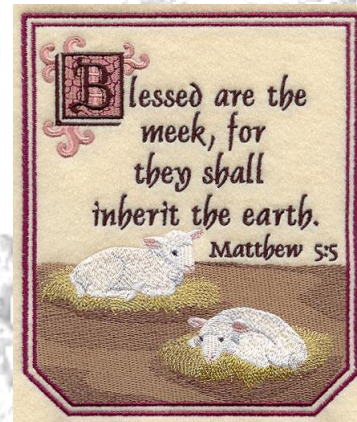
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1 Peter 3:1-3 Likewise, ye wives, *be* in **subjection** to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word **be won by the conversation** of the wives; While they behold your **chaste conversation** *coupled* with fear. Whose adorning let it not be that **outward** *adorning* of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;



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1 Peter 3:4-6 But *let it be* the **hidden man** of the heart, in that which is **not corruptible**, *even the ornament* of a **meek and quiet spirit**, which is in the sight of God of great **price**. For after this manner in the old time the **holy women** also, **who trusted in God**, **adorned themselves**, being in **subjection** unto their own husbands: Even as Sara **obeyed Abraham**, **calling him lord**: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.



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1 Peter 3:7-8 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with *them* according to knowledge, giving **honour unto the wife**, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being **heirs together** of the grace of life; **that your prayers be not hindered.** Finally, *be ye* all of one mind, having **compassion** one of another, **love** as brethren, *be pitiful, be courteous:*



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Apart from us becoming spiritually mature, living in Christ-likeness in our relationships we are not being all He wants us to be. We can know and relate to God, by living holy and righteously in close fellowship with Him and each other. Elsewise- there is nothing.

1 John 4:20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

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- **Do Not Murder. Mt. 5:21-22**

- **Attitude.** 2 Cor. 10:5; 1 John. 3:15

- **Soft answer.** Prov. 15:1

- **Be kind.** Eph. 4:31-32

- **Guard your anger.** Eph. 4:26; James. 1:19-20

- And we already read: **Do not be bitter.** Col. 3:18-19

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- **Do Not Commit Adultery. Mt. 5:27-28**

- **Attitude. Mt. 5:29-30**

- **Keep your mind pure. Prov. 23:7; 4:23;
Mt. 15:18-20**

- **Learn to flee. 1 Cor. 6:18-20; Gen. 39:12;**



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- **Do Not Divorce. Mt. 5:31-32**

—Mt. 19:6 **Do not put asunder.**

- **ONE EXCEPTION** *“Except for fornication.”* Strong's Greek Dictionary 4202. πορνεία porneia (porneía) *por-ni'-ah* from G4203; harlotry (including adultery and incest); figuratively, idolatry:—fornication.
feminine noun

—Mt. 18:1-3; John. 3:2; Lk. 13:3 **Be childlike in faithfulness**

—Eccl. 5:2-7 **Remember your vow.**

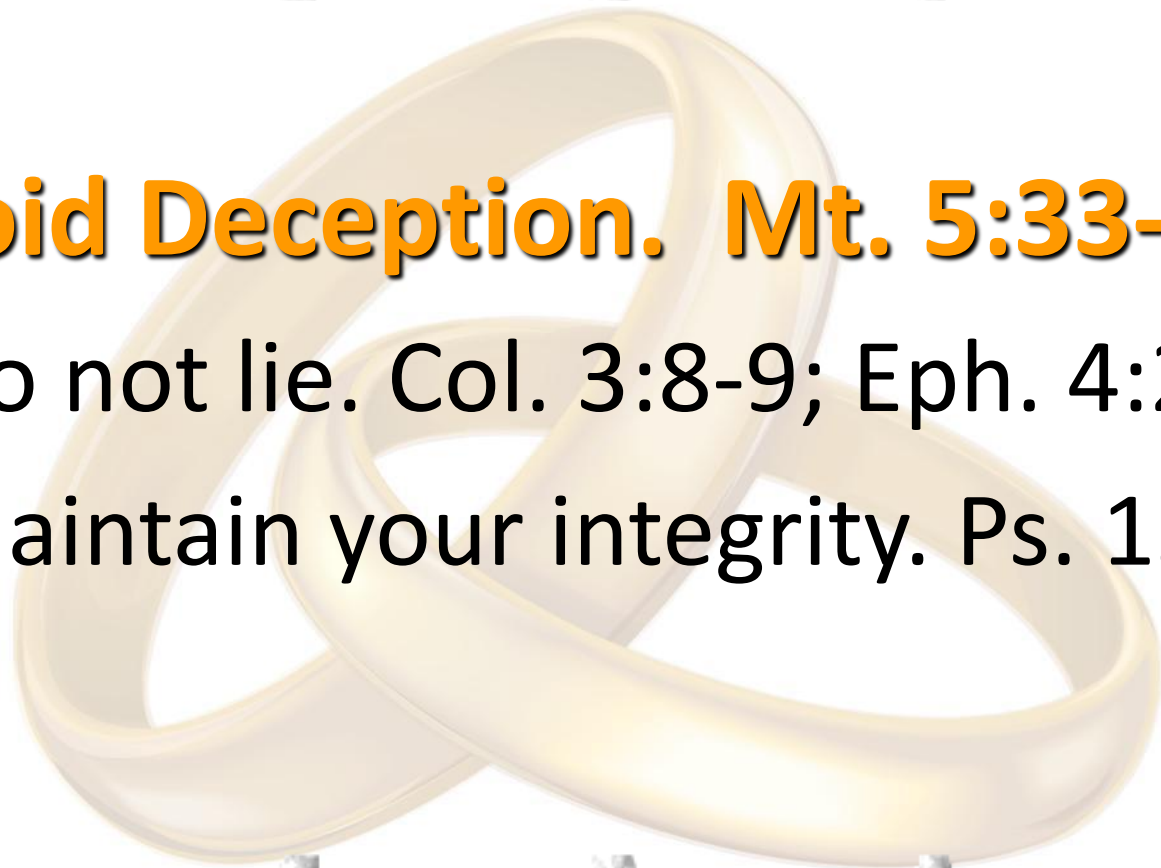
—Mal. 2:14-16 **God hates divorce.**

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- **Avoid Deception. Mt. 5:33-37**

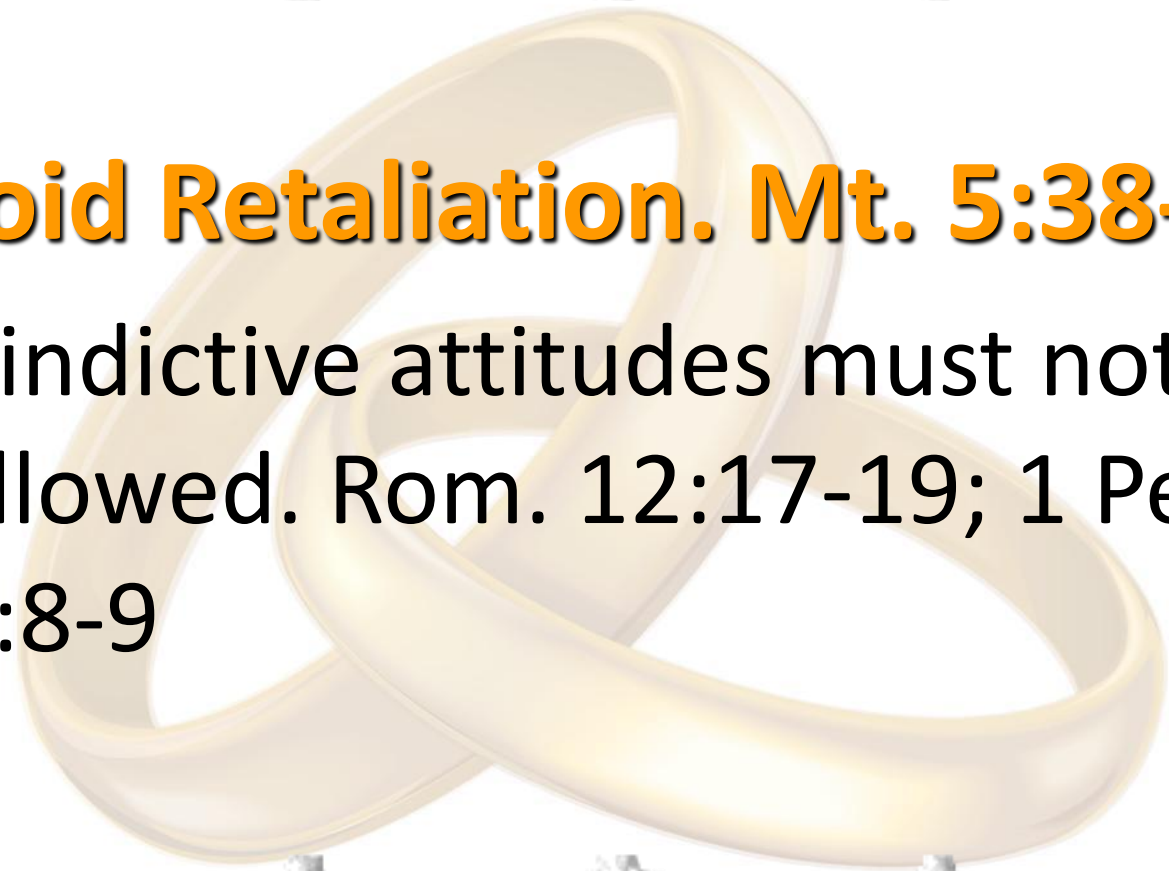
- Do not lie. Col. 3:8-9; Eph. 4:25

- Maintain your integrity. Ps. 15



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- **Avoid Retaliation. Mt. 5:38-39**
 - Vindictive attitudes must not be allowed. Rom. 12:17-19; 1 Peter 3:8-9



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- **Avoid Conditional Love. Mt. 5:43-48**
 - Husbands love your wives. Eph. 5:25
 - Wives love your husbands. Tit. 2:3-5
 - Characteristics of love. 1 Cor. 13:4-8
 - ***“Let love be without hypocrisy.” Rom. 12:9***

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- **Avoid Materialism. Mt. 6:19-34**

- Misplaced values. Lk. 12:15; Col. 3:1-2
- Respectable worldliness. Lk. 14:15

- Money can buy cosmetics, but not real beauty.

- Money can buy a house, but not a home.

Price of the soul (YOU) worth more than all.

Mt. 16:26

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- **Avoid petty criticism. Mt. 7:1-5**

Proverbs 10:19 In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips *is* wise. **20** The tongue of the just *is as* choice silver: the heart of the wicked *is* little worth.

Psalms 141:3 Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.



Proverbs 21:23 Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.

Proverbs 29:20 Seest thou a man *that is* hasty in his words? *there is* more hope of a fool than of him.

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- **Apply the golden rule. Mt. 7:12**

**Treat your companion like you
would like them to treat you!!!**

Build Upon The Right Foundation

Mt. 7:24-27

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Do not murder

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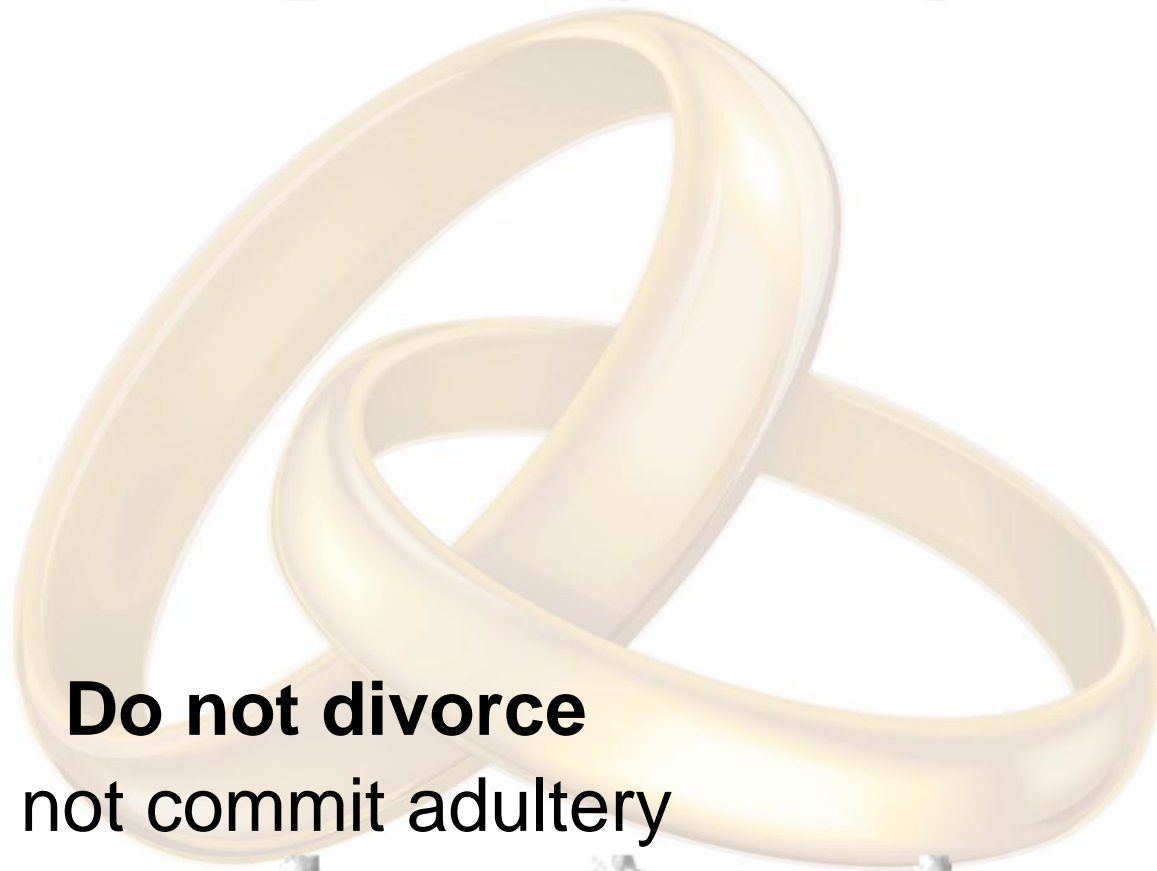
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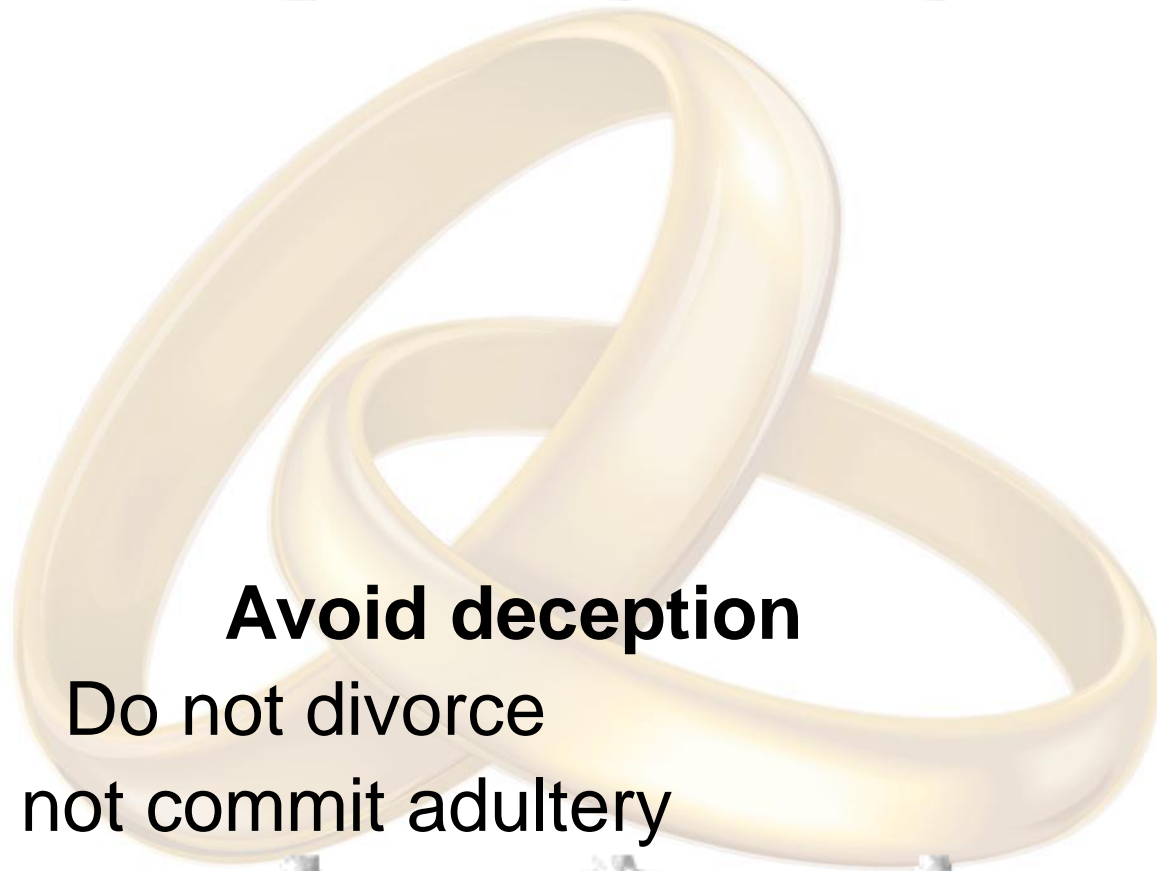
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Avoid deception

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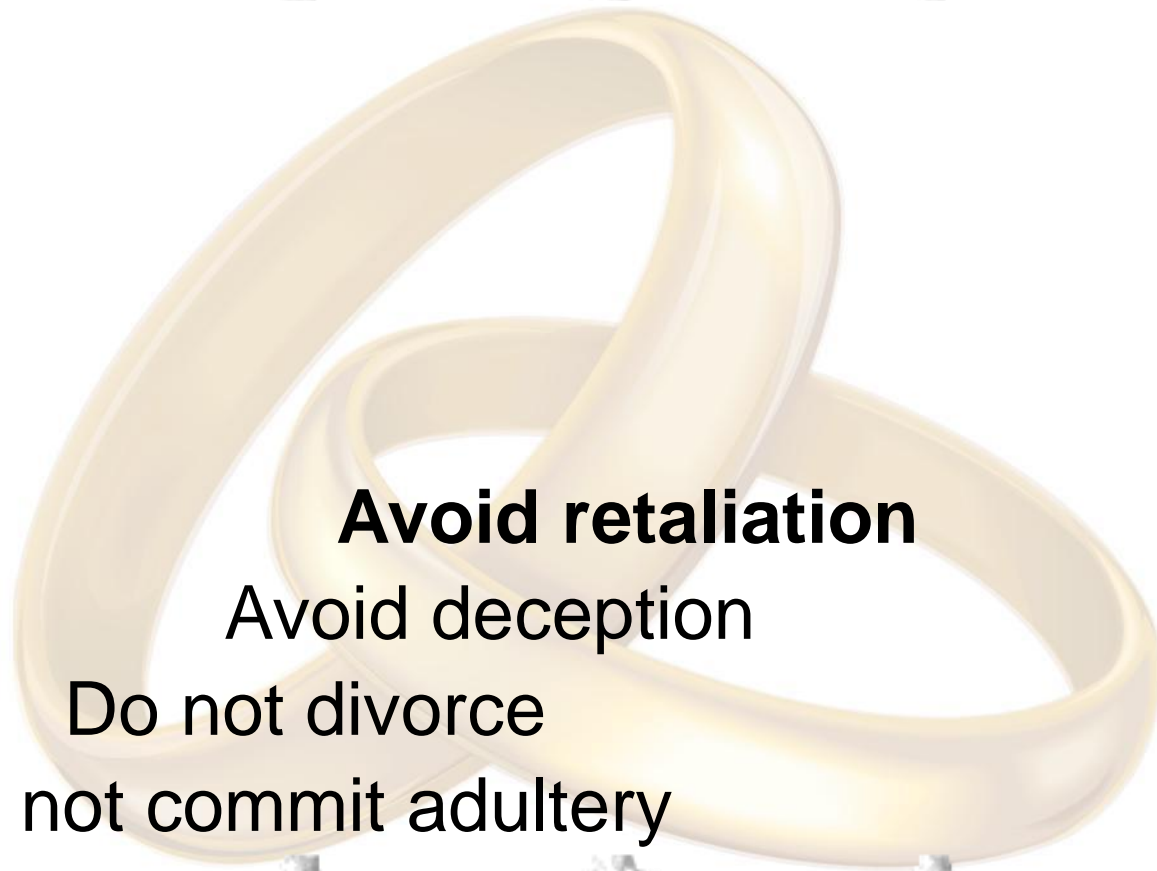
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Avoid conditional love

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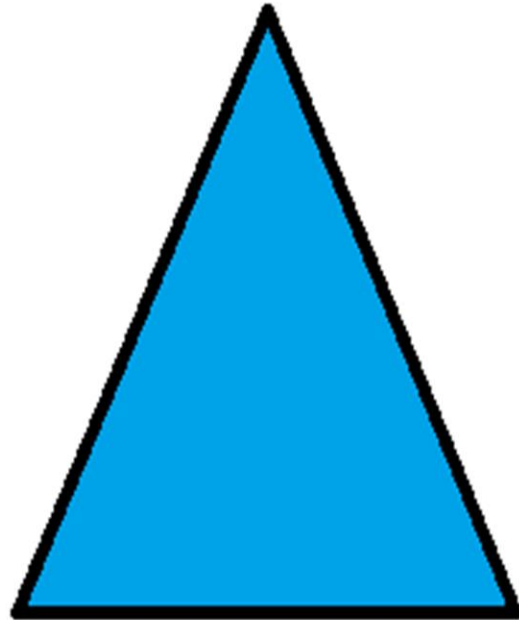
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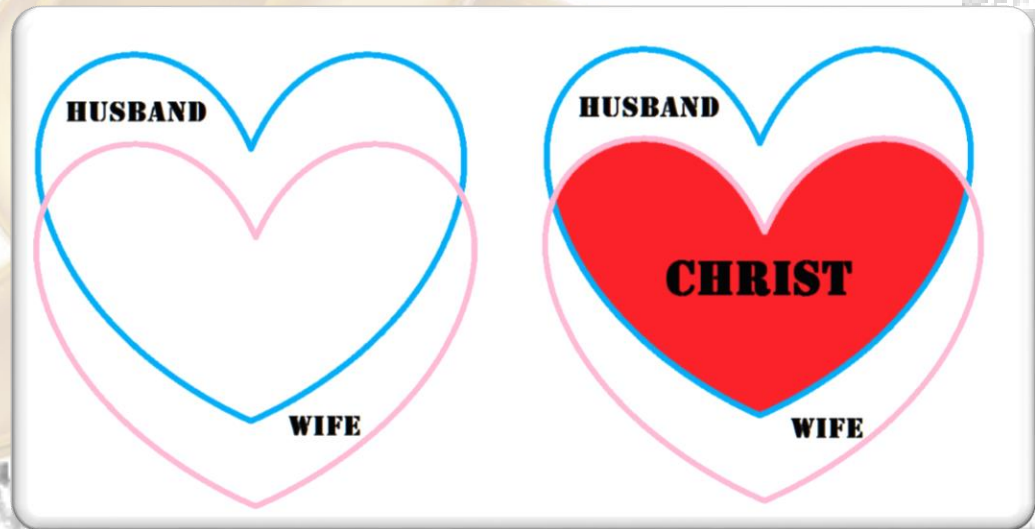
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Blest Be The Tie That Binds

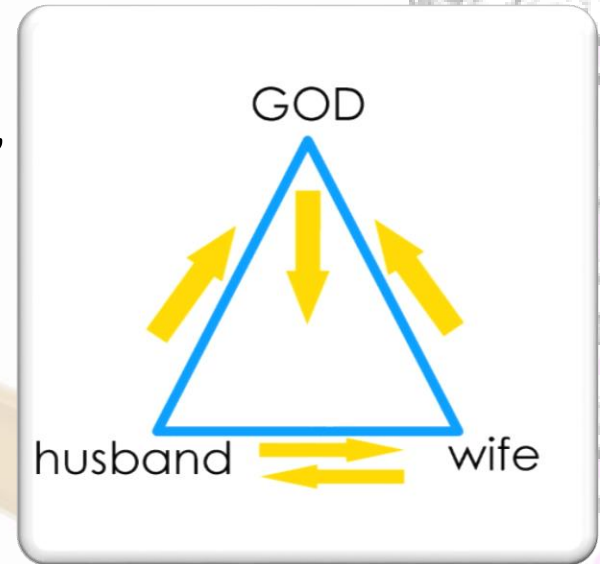
One of the most beloved hymns of all time is “Blest Be the Tie That Binds.”



Well, Christ is the tie that binds. He is the One who unites and sustains “our hearts in Christian love.”

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Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 Two *are* better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him *that is* alone when he falleth; for *he hath* not another to help him up. Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm *alone*? And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.



Three-fold Cord

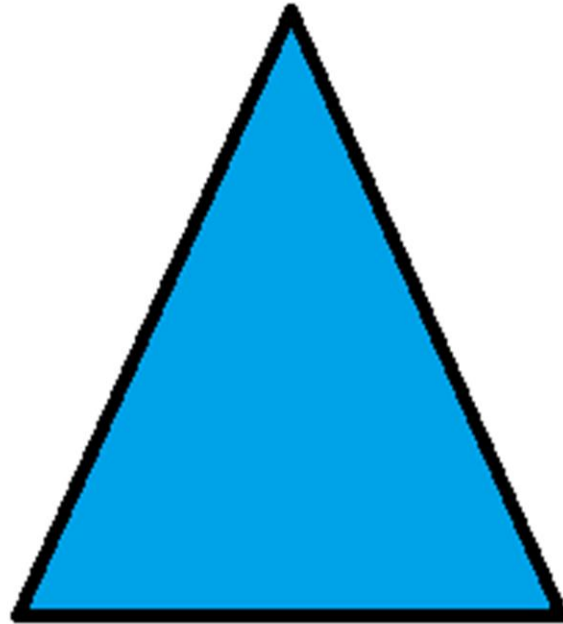
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Colossians 3:12-14 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do* ye. And above all these things *put on* charity (LOVE), which is the bond of perfectness.

PERFECT BOND OF LOVE

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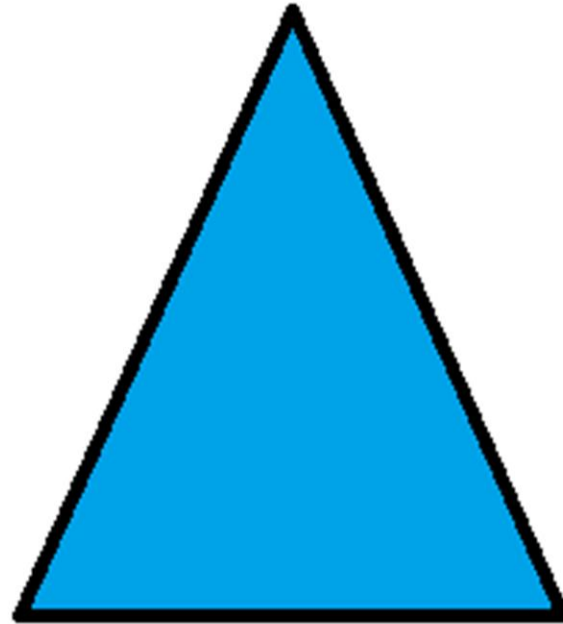
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Colossians 3:15-17 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

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Colossians 3:18-21 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. Husbands, love *your* wives, and be not bitter against them. Children, obey *your* parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. Fathers, provoke not your children *to anger*, lest they be discouraged.

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Colossians 3:22-25 Servants, obey in all things *your* masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: **And whatsoever ye do, do *it* heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;** Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. **But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.**

PERFECT BOND OF LOVE⁶⁶

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HAPPY SABBATH DAY!

THANK YOU!

KEEP IT HOLY!

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LOVE GOD

+ LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

= SHARE THE GOSPEL!

WALK IN THE SPIRIT- DAILY!

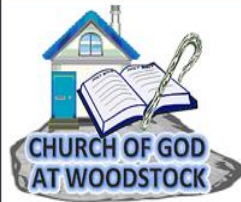
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