

HEIRS TOGETHER PRAYERS TOGETHER

I Peter 3:7



The Real Purpose Of Marriage

Why Some People Marry

“Love”

Companionship

Social Status

Society Pressure



Why You Should Not Marry

• ***Romantic Marriage?***

Only looking at each other (compatibility)



“I see a finished marble statue!” (ideal mate)

“Take me just as I am” (don’t change me)



Why You Should Marry: Our Vision of Future Glory

- **Friendship / Fellowship Marriage?**
Looking in same direction – Upward (spiritually)

The Great Horizon:

- “I see who God is making you!”
- “I see a marble block with God holding the hammer & chisel”



Standing before God
(not the preacher)



Why Jesus Married Me

Ephesians 5:25-27

25 ... Christ also **loved** the church and **gave** Himself for her,

26 that He might **sanctify** and **cleanse** her ...

27 that He might present her to Himself a **glorious** church, **not having spot** or **wrinkle** or **any such thing**, but that she should be **holy** and **without blemish**.



Why You Should Marry A Christian!

- **SANCTIFIED...SAVE!**

I Corinthians 7:12-16

“the unbelieving husband is **sanctified** by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is **sanctified** by the husband ... For how do you know, O wife, whether you will **save** your husband? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will **save** your wife?”

*Don't leave or divorce
Instead, stay and save them!*



Marriage: To Help Save My Husband

- **WON**

I Peter 3:1-6

“Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be **won by the conduct of their wives**, when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear”

Evangelism is HARD work!
WHY you are on planet earth



Marriage: To Help Save My Wife

- **Heirs Together**

I Peter 3:7

“Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being **heirs together** of the grace of life...”

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To Give His / Her Hand To Jesus

- **In Heaven – We’re Married To Christ**

Luke 20:34-35

“And Jesus answered and said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, **neither marry nor are given in marriage**”

Reach Summit of Mt. Everest
Not to live there, but accomplish goal !



Our Present & Future Inheritance

• **Heirs of God – Joint Heirs with Christ**

Rom 8:16-17

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then *heirs* – *heirs of God* and *joint heirs with Christ...*

that we may also be **glorified together !**



Family Values:

“Serve Others = Serve Christ”

• **Reward of Inheritance**

Colossians 3:18-24

Wives, **submit** to your own husbands

Husbands, **love** your wives

Children, **obey** your parents in all things

Fathers, do not provoke your children

And whatever you do, **do it heartily**,

as to the Lord and not to men,

knowing that from the Lord you will receive the

reward of the inheritance;

for you **serve** the Lord Christ.



Making Reservations Now

• **Build Their Faith – Save Their Soul**

I Peter 1:3-9

to an *inheritance* incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you

receiving the end of your faith— *the salvation of your souls.*



Prayers Together
“Your Prayers”

- **Praying Together**
The couple that prays together, stays together
... that your **prayers** may not be hindered”



Prayer Is Conditional

- **Husbands**
1 Peter 3:1-7
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2. giving **honor** to the wife, as to the weaker vessel,
that your **prayers** may not be hindered”



“I Can’t Hear You”

- **My Sins Can Impact Her Soul**
Isaiah 59
1 Behold, the LORD’S hand is not shortened,
That it cannot save;
Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear.
2 But your **iniquities** have separated you from your
God; And your **sins** have hidden His face from you,
So that He will not hear.



Marriage
The Greatest Evangelism

18-28 years converting children
Eph. 6:4 *"bring them up in training of the Lord"*
Tit. 2:5 *"that the word of God be not blasphemed"*

30-65 years saving mate
I Pet 3:7 *"heirs together"*
of the grace of life!



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