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## Ephesians 5:31 KJV

**“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.”**



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### Topic: Who Should I Marry?

Remind your children, especially your daughters that the wedding is not about the flowers, the music, the wedding dress, the guest list, and the honeymoon. **It is about the vows.**

Weddings are the recitation of vows **in the presence of witnesses including God. Marriage is for life** “in sickness and in health, in good times and bad times, till death do us part.”

Why is it a mistake to marry someone **to change him or her**. Because it is very unlikely that they will change, and if they don't you are still married for life.

Marry with the knowledge of your future spouse's weaknesses and failings **but determined to love and forgive even if they never change.**

Love is blind **BEFORE** you get married. **After** you get married **the BLINDERS come off**. There is no such thing as buyer's remorse in marriage. **You can't trade them in for a new model.**

## How Do I Choose a Spouse?

**2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 6:14 KJV** “Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?”

God instructs His children [believers] to marry fellow believers only

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 7:39 KJV** “The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord.”

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 3:16 KJV** “Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?”

**Here's a question:** Would marrying this person manifestly draw me closer to Christ or subtly away from Christ?

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 6:19-20 KJV** “What? know ye not that **your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost** which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: **therefore, glorify God in your body, and in your spirit**, which are God's.”

**Ephesians 1:13 KJV** “In whom **ye also trusted**, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after **that ye believed, ye were sealed with** that holy Spirit of promise.”

The “Moment” we believe & trust Jesus Christ paid for our sins we are “**SEALED**” with the Holy Spirit



In the same way that Christ loved us first – empowering us to respond and love Him back – **husbands** are to be the ones who love first in marriage in a way that empowers wives to confidently trust their leadership and him in return. **For the wife**, will this be a woman I will respect in decades to come. Is she interesting and potentially fascinating in ways that go far beyond physical attraction? What defines success for her and what does she think life is all about?

**Ephesians 5:25 KJV** “Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;”