

Braggs Church Of Christ

Marriage Ordained Of God

The Marriage Relationship

Introduction

- Successful marriages do not occur by **accident**
- Husband & wife – Need to be 100% committed to God and to each other

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1. God Established Marriage

- Gen. 2:18 “Helpmeet” = **suitable companion**
- Mt. 19:6 “God hath joined together”
- **God** performed the first marriage
- 1 Tim 4:1-3

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2. One Man & One Woman

- Homosexuality is a **sin**
- **Polygamy** is a sin
- Marriage is not just a **human contract**
- Mt. 19:6 “let not man put asunder”

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2. One Man & One Woman

- Malachi 2:16 “He (God) hates divorce”
- Adultery is a sin that will keep one out of **heaven**
- Gal. 5:19 “adultery, fornication”

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3. Marriage Is Meant For Life

- “No fault divorce” is not from God
- Many **live together** without marriage
- How does this affect the children?

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- In a divorce only the **innocent** party can remarry
- To do otherwise is to be in an **adulterous** union
- Mt. 19:9

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Putting The Lesson To Good Use

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A. We must encourage others
to **choose a mate wisely**

- “Marriage is for those
who love **God** and
love one another”

Thomas Warren

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B. We must heed God's teaching on marriage

- Need **counseling**? Go to an elder, older married couple, Bible class teacher, preacher---- a **faithful Christian**

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B. We must **heed God's teaching on marriage**

- **A simple way to counsel:**
- **1. Do you both know what the Bible teaches on living together in marriage?**
- **2. Do you both want to do what is right?**

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B. We must heed God's teaching on marriage

- 3. Do you both want to do what is right beginning now!
- If both answer yes, tell them both to start following Mt. 7:12
- Close with a prayer – if appropriate

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C. We must **fulfill our role as parents** to have a healthy marriage and home

- “The hand that rocks the **cradle** rules the world”

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- Prov. 22:16 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

D. Building a godly home requires **lots of time together**

- Parents must take the **time** necessary to make the family what God wants it to be!

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Conclusion

- Christ should be head of every home!
- To have Him as head we must follow His Word
- Then the home will have peace & love and will be a godly home!

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