

DON'T BREAK THE HEDGE AROUND YOUR MARRIAGE

IT IS NOT GOD'S WILL FOR A MAN OR A WOMAN TO BE ALONE

Genesis 2:18 (KJV)

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.*

TWO ARE BETTER THAN ONE

Ecclesiastes 4:8-12 (KJV)

⁹ *Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone? ¹² And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.*

THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROBLEM

Malachi 2:14-16 (NLT) New Living Translation

¹⁴ *You cry out, "Why doesn't the LORD accept my worship?" I'll tell you why! Because the LORD witnessed the vows you and your wife made when you were young. But you have been unfaithful to her, though she remained your faithful partner, the wife of your marriage vows.*

¹⁵ *Didn't the LORD make you one with your wife? In body and spirit you are his. **And what does he want? Godly children from your union.** So guard your heart; remain loyal to the wife of your youth. ¹⁶ "For I hate divorce!" says the LORD, the God of Israel.*

HUSBAND AND WIFE RELATIONSHIP AS CHRIST AND THE CHURCH

Ephesians 5:21-25 (KJV)

²¹ *Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. ²² Wives, submit yourselves unto **your own husbands, as unto the Lord.** ²³ **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. ²⁴ Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;*

CHANGE YOUR VIEW CONCERNING YOUR WIFE, SHE IS YOUR OWN FLESH

Ephesians 5:28-33 (KJV)

²⁸ ***So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.***
²⁹ *For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: ³⁰ For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.*
³¹ *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. ³² This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. ³³ Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.*

DON'T GIVE ROOM TO THE SERPENT IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Ephesians 6:10-12 (KJV)

¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

WE BLAME EACH OTHER SIMPLY BECAUSE THE DEVIL HAS COME IN

Genesis 3:11-13 (KJV)

Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? ¹² And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. ¹³ And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

HOW DO YOU PROTECT YOUR MARRIAGE?

Ephesians 6:16-18 (KJV)

¹⁶ Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: ¹⁸ Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

THE TWO BIGGEST PROBLEMS IN A MARRIAGE ARE: RELATIVES AND MONEY

Relatives

Genesis 2:24 (KJV)

²⁴ Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Psalms 45:10 (KJV)

¹⁰ Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house;

You must emotionally leave your mother and father and cleave to your husband or wife. We have to care for our parents but they should not control our lives anymore. Our marriages decisions should not be taken with our parents anymore but with our wives and husbands.

Money

Live within your mean – do not go beyond your financial boundary otherwise, the serpent will bite

Ecclesiastes 10:8 (KJV)

⁸ He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him.

WIFE, DO YOU HAVE A DIFFICULT HUSBAND?

1 Peter 3:1 (KJV)

¹ 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;