

**THE BIG MISUNDERSTANDING THAT LEADS TO MARRIAGE BREAKDOWNS
FIRST COMES LOVES THEN COMES BAGGAGE SERIES_PART 1**

MARRIAGE: THE DREAM AND THE REALITY

He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the Lord.
Proverbs 18:22 (ESV)

A quarrelsome wife is as annoying as a constant dripping on a rainy day.
Proverbs 27:15 (NLT)

SINGLENESS IS A GIFT FROM GOD

I wish that all were as I myself am [*single*]. But each has his own gift from God..."
1 Cor. 7:7a (ESV)

THE MISTAKE MOST SINGLE PEOPLE MAKE - HOW DO I FIND THE RIGHT PERSON?

He who finds a wife finds a good thing," **Proverbs 18:22 (ESV)**

HOW DO I BECOME THE RIGHT PERSON FOR THE RIGHT PERSON?

WHEN IT COMES TO BEING A CHRISTIAN, WHAT IS MARRIAGE?

"Haven't you read the Scriptures?" Jesus replied. "They record that from the beginning 'God made them male and female.'" And he said, "'This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.' Since they are no longer two but one, let no one split apart what God has joined together." **Matthew 19:4-6 (NLT)**

WHILE A CONTRACT IS BASED ON MUTUAL DISTRUST, A COVENANT IS BASED ON MUTUAL COMMITMENT BEFORE A HOLY GOD.

HOW DO WE LIVE WITH SEXUAL INTEGRITY IN A CULTURE OF SEXUAL BROKENNESS AND SUCH DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN?

Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God's people. **Ephesians 5:3 (NLT)**

Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled (pure)... **Hebrews 13:4 (ESV)**

For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. **1 Corinthians 7:4-5 (ESV)**

But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity... because these are improper for God's holy people. **Ephesians 5:3 (NIV)**