

Marriage As It Was Meant To Be, Part 2

Ephesians 5:21

Biblical Marriage as it was meant to be was...

Ephesians 5:31

Leave...Join...United

#1 Leave (parents/single Life)

#2 Cleave "glued to" (God's Word/marriage covenant)

#3 United

Peter Marshall -

Marriage is not a federation of two sovereign states, it is a union -

Domestic;

Social;

Spiritual;

Physical.

It is a fusion of two hearts...the union of two lives -
the coming together of two tributaries, which, after being joined in marriage, will
flow in the same channel

In the same direction...carrying the same burdens of responsibility and obligation.

Forgiveness is important...
...lack of forgiveness is due to pride..

1. Empowered by the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 5:18 Be Filled with the Spirit

The Definition

The Greek Verb

#1 Imperative...a command;

#2 Present tense...continually

#3 Passive voice..."be" filled, all the work of God

How are you filled with the Spirit?

1. The Holy Spirit wants to fill you.
2. Make ourselves available to the Holy Spirit

You have to be EMPTY and OPEN

...die to self; live life in total dependence on Him.

"What if God designed marriage to make us holy more than to make us happy?"

Gary Thomas in ***Sacred Marriage***