 In Christ

> But since sexual immorality is occurring, each man should have sexual relations with his own wife, and each woman with her own husband.
> *— 1 Corinthians 7:2*

Book: New Testament / 1 Corinthians
Topics: marriage, desires, relationships, sexuality

Interpretation:
1 Corinthians 7:2 speaks of the importance of faithfulness in marriage. The apostasy of the Corinthian church had led to several conflicts over marital issues. Apparently, some felt it was necessary to have multiple sexual partners, which led to unrepentant extramarital affairs.

In this context, *the apostle Paul* uses this verse to encourage the Corinthians to have their own partner and to be faithful to that partner, for this is more pleasing to the Lord.

The importance of marriage

Marriage is important in a person's life. God established marriage as a sacred covenant between a man and a woman for life. Sexual relations outside of marriage are against God's will. Not only are they sinful, but they can cause serious emotional and spiritual harm to everyone involved, including family members.

Faithfulness in marriage

Faithfulness in marriage is crucial. As followers *of Christ*, we are to be faithful to our spouses and avoid any temptations that might lead us away from that faithfulness. God wants us to have a loving, long-term relationship with our partner that resists carnal urges. Infidelity not only hurts our partner, it offends God and our conscience.

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> The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. The wife does not have authority over her own body but yields it to her husband. In the same way, the husband does not have authority over his own body but yields it to his wife.
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> *— 1 Corinthians 7:3-4*

Book: New Testament / 1 Corinthians
Topics: marriage, body, sexuality

Interpretation:
The verses in *1 Corinthians 7:3-4* tell us about the duty of a spouse to each other. These verses remind us of the importance of the commitment and responsibility we have in a marriage relationship. The expression *“marital duty”* indicates that this is our obligation to each other, and we cannot ignore it.

What does marital duty mean?

“Marital duty” is a term used to describe the obligation of spouses to have sexual relations with each other within the marriage by mutual consent. This obligation is a way to maintain intimacy and unity in a couple. It is important to note that this obligation does not hinder the respect, solidarity, and love that should exist in a healthy relationship.

Marital equality

It is important to note that this verse also teaches equality in marriage. Both husband and wife should respect each other’s bodies and not use sexual relations to manipulate or control their partner. Instead, they must be willing to compromise and meet each other's sexual needs to strengthen their marital relationship.

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> Do not deprive each other except perhaps by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

> — *1 Corinthians 7:5*

Book: New Testament / 1 Corinthians
Topics: marriage, devil, self-control, sexuality

Interpretation:
1 Corinthians 7:5 calls us to consider the importance of communication in our marriage relationship. *Paul* calls us not to deny each other except by mutual consent and only for a limited time to seriously devote ourselves to prayer.

Prayer as a tool for strengthening marital relationships

Our marriage requires dedication, time, and effort. In this verse, Paul calls us to recognize the importance of prayer as a tool for strengthening our marriage relationship. Prayer is an expression of our faith and helps us strengthen our connection with God.

When we spend time in prayer, we work together as a couple to maintain our connection to His divine purpose. In this sense, it is not just a break from sexual activity, but a pause to focus on our spouse and our relationship with God.

Temptation and sexual intemptence

Paul reminds us that prolonged abstinence from sexual intercourse can lead to temptation and sexual intemperance, which can distance us from God's will for our lives and our marriage relationship. Lack of communication can become a problem in our marriage relationship, which can lead to unnecessary misunderstandings and emotional alienation between spouses.

This is why sexual communication is so important in a marriage relationship. Honest and open discussions about our sexual and emotional needs can be the key to maintaining a strong and healthy marriage.

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> Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

> — *1 Peter 3:7*

Book: New Testament / 1 Peter
Topics: marriage, grace, Prayer, sexuality

Interpretation:
The Bible is clear about the role men are to play in a marriage relationship. *1 Peter 3:7* teaches us that husbands are to live wisely with their wives, giving them the honor and respect they deserve as human beings and co-heirs of the grace of life. Additionally, this verse warns us that if men do not fulfill their role in the relationship, their prayers will be hindered.

What does it mean to live wisely with our wives?

God's Word calls us to live wisely with our wives. Living wisely means being able to make good decisions in any situation. It means living in harmony with your spouse and living a life that equally considers the well-being of both. In this way, the decisions made will be well received by both partners and there will be no conflict.

What does it mean to honor women as the weaker vessel?

The Bible states that women are fragile and delicate beings who deserve our love and respect at all times. The fact that women are viewed as weaker vessels does not mean that they are inferior to men; rather, they need to be protected and cared for with special care.

For this reason, husbands should treat their wives with respect and honor, avoiding any kind of violence or aggressive behavior toward them.

What does it mean to be co-heirs of the grace of life?

The expression "co-heirs of the grace of life" refers to the fact that men and women are equal before God and share the same dignity and value with regard to life and its purposes.

In marriage, both spouses equally share the same rights and responsibilities and are co-heirs of eternal life. Therefore, husbands should allow their wives to actively participate in the relationship, making important decisions together and sharing responsibilities.

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> Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.
> — *Colossians 3:18-19*

Book: New Testament / Colossians
Topics: marriage, humility, relationships

Interpretation:
The Bible is the Word of God and therefore is the most important guide for our daily lives. One of the important topics covered in the Bible is the role of the wife in marriage and her relationship with her husband. *Colossians 3:18-19* are verses that have been the subject of controversy and debate throughout Christian history and have been interpreted in many different ways.

What does submission mean in a christian marriage?

Submission is an important part of a healthy Christian marriage relationship. The Bible teaches that the husband is to be the spiritual leader and provider at home, and the wife is to be his helpmate and support. Submission is not a sign of inferiority of the wife, but rather a sign of respect for the husband's role and position in the home.

Husbands, love your wives

Throughout history, many cultures have maintained gender roles that give men power over women, and although this has changed over time, there are still men who take advantage of their position to be violent towards their wives.

However, the Bible calls us to treat our wives with love and care. The verb *"love"* in these verses does not refer to illusory and artificial love, but to true, lasting, and committed love. The love we are to give our wives is a love that accepts, respects, appreciates, protects, supports, and cares for them.

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> Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his

> body, of which he is the Savior.
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> — *Ephesians 5:22-23*

Book: New Testament / Ephesians
Topics: marriage, body, Church, Jesus, relationships, Salvation

Interpretation:
It is important to remember that the submission of wives is a voluntary act, not a forced imposition by their husbands. The verse goes on to say that wives should submit **“as you do to the Lord.”** That is, wives’ submission to their husbands should be a reflection of their submission and love for God. By submitting to their husbands, wives not only honor the divine design of marriage, but also express their love and respect for God.

It is important to note that the text does not deny the equality of men and women, but rather establishes different but complementary roles. Just as each member of the body has an important function, men and women have different roles, but both are valuable to God.

In today’s society, many people consider this verse outdated and patriarchal, but this may be the result of a misunderstanding of the true meaning of this verse. Instead of viewing marriage as a gender competition, we must remember that it is a team with different roles and responsibilities. A woman is equally important and valuable in the eyes of God, and her husband is to treat her with love and respect, just as Christ loves and respects the church.

This verse also reminds us of the importance of relationships and connections in our society. As the Body of Christ, we need leadership, as well as care and love. God calls us to play our part and work together in building His Kingdom.

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> Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word.
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> — *Ephesians 5:25-26*

Book: New Testament / Ephesians

Topics: marriage, Church, love, purification, relationships

Interpretation:
To better understand what this verse means, it is important to think about Christ's love for the Church. He not only loved those close to him, but he also cared for those who were marginalized and excluded. Christ gave his life for the Church.

In this verse, Paul emphasizes how Christ loved the Church and gave everything for it. This includes your life, your time, your efforts, your patience, and your compassion. This type of love was not selfish, but focused on the needs of the Church. If we are to love our wives as Christ loved the Church, we must do the same.

When reading this verse, questions often arise: How can I love my wife this way if she does not love me back? What if she is an unbeliever?

Loving your wife in this way can be difficult if you feel that the relationship is not equal or if your spouse does not share your faith. However, we must remember that this command comes from God and is not dependent on the behavior of our partner. Selfless, sacrificial love is a reflection of God's love and a powerful witness to others.

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> In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.
> *— Ephesians 5:28*

Book: New Testament / Ephesians
Topics: marriage, body, relationships

Interpretation:
Ephesians 5:28 teaches us an important commandment for men regarding their wives. This comparison between loving your wife and loving yourself is not accidental, but rather reveals a fundamental truth: marriage is a union in which two become one flesh. Therefore, to love your wife is to love yourself, since they are both parts of one whole.

It is interesting to note in this regard that the Bible does not give a similar commandment to women. This does not mean that they should not love their husbands, but the comparison to their own flesh is not explicitly made in the biblical texts. Why is this? Some commentators note that in the culture of the time, men had a lot of freedom to despise their wives and treat them badly, so this commandment may have been a way to remind them of their marital responsibilities and obligations.

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> For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.
> — *Ephesians 5:31*

Book: New Testament / Ephesians
Topics: marriage, body, sexuality

Interpretation:
Marriage is one of the oldest and most sacred institutions of mankind. The Bible teaches us that marriage is a spiritual, emotional, and physical union between a man and a woman. *Ephesians 5:31* reminds us of the importance of the marriage union and teaches us that this union is, in some ways, stronger than any other type of human relationship.

The importance of marriage

Marriage is an institution established by God from the very beginning of creation. In the book of Genesis, God created Adam and then from Adam's rib, He created Eve to be his companion and helpmate. Since then, marriage has been considered a sacred union blessed by God.

Ephesians 5:31 reminds us that marriage is a unique and special union in which a man leaves his father and mother to join his wife. This verse teaches us that marriage is not a temporary or casual union, but a permanent and sacred union.

The physical and spiritual union of marriage

Marriage is not only a physical union between a man and a woman, but also a spiritual and emotional union. As believers, we know that marriage is a sacred promise and blessing from God. In marriage, a husband and wife become one flesh; this union goes beyond the physical.

When two people marry, they unite not only their bodies, but their souls. The marriage union is an example of the fellowship that should exist between us and God. Marriage is a reflection of the same union that exists between *Jesus Christ* and the church. In other words, marriage is a tangible expression of God's unconditional love for us.

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> However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.
> *— Ephesians 5:33*

Book: New Testament / Ephesians
Topics: marriage, relationships

Interpretation:
Marriage is a sacred institution in which two people are united in love and commitment. However, like any relationship, marriage has its challenges. In the Bible verse *Ephesians 5:33*, we are reminded of the importance of loving and respecting our partner.

Love as the foundation of marriage

Love is the foundation of marriage; it is what holds a couple together in good times and bad. Love is not just a feeling, it is a commitment to walk through life together and to do so in a way that benefits both.

Respect as a sign of love

While love is often talked about in marriage, respect is equally important. This verse also reminds us that women are to respect their husbands. Respect is an expression of love that shows that you value and acknowledge the importance of the other person.

Respect does not mean submitting or submissiveness to the wishes of another person, but rather acknowledging and appreciating their opinions and efforts. Respect also means taking the other person's needs and wants into account when making decisions and maintaining a positive attitude towards your partner.

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> The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”
> *— Genesis 2:18*

Book: Old Testament / Genesis
Topics: marriage, creation, relationships

Interpretation:
Genesis 2:18 speaks of the creation of woman as a helper for man. In this passage, God tells man that it is not good for him to be alone and that He will create a suitable companion for him. This verse is very important because it establishes the role of woman as a being created by God to be with man and help him along his way.

Why does God create a helper for man?

There are several reasons why God created a helper for man. First of all, God did not want man to be alone. Loneliness can be very painful, and although man had a good relationship with God, God also wanted him to have human company. Secondly, man needed adequate help to fulfill his task on earth. From the very beginning, God commissioned man to care for the earth and cultivate it. In order to fulfill this task, man needed help to accompany him.

Reflections on the Role of Women in Society

The role of woman as a helper for man has been the subject of debate and discussion throughout the centuries. Throughout history, women have at times been considered inferior to men and have had fewer rights and opportunities. However, this Bible verse shows us that women were created by God for a purpose and have equal value with men. In our modern society, it is important to remember that women have an important role to play. They have gifts and abilities that are often different from those of men, but are just as valuable and necessary. Gender equality is essential for an equal and just society.

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> Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.” That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.
>
> *— Genesis 2:22-24*

Book: Old Testament / Genesis
Topics: marriage, body, creation, sexuality

Interpretation:
The Book of Genesis is the first of the five books of the Torah, or Pentateuch. It is the biblical account of the creation of man, telling how God created man in His own image and likeness, and then created woman from the man's rib.

History

These verses, while seemingly simple, become complex upon closer analysis. First, the bone was not taken from the man's leg so he could rule over the woman, nor from his head so the woman could dominate him, but from his rib so they could be equal. Furthermore, it is important to remember: the man's rib is not some secondary element from which God chose to create something useful for him. In Hebrew, the word *"tsela"* is translated as *"rib,"* but it is also used to refer to a side, a half.

Why is this so important? Because we can understand that the woman was not created from a secondary element, but was taken from the man as his complement, an equal. This is why the verses say that God "created" the woman. She was not an independent creation, but came from the man, and they were inseparably linked.

They shall be one flesh

These verses imply that marriage is a sacred union, and that a man and a woman are destined to be united in a lasting bond. This union is not only physical, but also emotional and spiritual. Spouses are expected to be faithful and spend time together throughout their lives.

Reflections on the role of women in society

These verses also make us reflect on the role of women in society. Women have often been considered inferior to men, deprived of rights and opportunities. However, the Bible clearly shows us that women were created by God as equal to men, with the same rights and dignity. It is important to recognize and promote gender equality in all areas of life.

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> Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.
> *— Hebrews 13:4*

Book: New Testament / Hebrews
Topics: marriage, desires, judgment, sexuality

Interpretation:
Hebrews 13:4 reminds us of the importance of marriage and chastity in the daily lives of Christians. The writer of Hebrews calls marriage honorable and sexual intercourse something that should be without blemish, meaning without impurity or sin.

Marriage as a sacred institution

In this verse, the writer of Hebrews mentions that marriage is honorable in every way. This means that marriage is a sacred institution in the eyes of God and should be respected by Christians.

One of the main reasons why marriage is considered honorable is that it is a union based on love and fidelity. Therefore, it implies an intimate, committed, and sacred relationship between two people.

Chastity as a virtue

The writer also mentions that the bed should be undefiled, meaning it should be a sexual act free from impurity and sin. This refers to chastity as a Christian virtue, considered important for maintaining spiritual purity. Chastity is a commitment to living in sexual purity both before and after marriage.

The consequences of sexual sin

In the second part of the verse, the author warns Christians about the consequences of sexual sin. The fact that God judges fornicators and adulterers means that sexual activity outside of marriage or

unfaithfulness within marriage is incompatible with the moral and religious standards set by God. Failure to comply with these regulations can have a negative impact on a person's relationship with God and on their daily life.

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> I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
>
> *— Isaiah 61:10*

Book: Old Testament / Isaiah
Topics: marriage, clothing, joy, Redeemer, righteousness

Interpretation:
Verse 10 of Isaiah 61 presents us with a vivid picture of joy and happiness in God. The prophet expresses his great joy and his soul rejoices in the grace that God has given him. This joy is based on the fact that God has clothed him with the **"robe of salvation"** and surrounded him with the **"mantle of righteousness"**. These two expressions point to the divine provision for the salvation and justice of men. He has been rescued from the bondage of sin and declared righteous before God.

The image of the robe of salvation is used to describe the atoning work of Christ. Salvation is not only the proclamation of forgiveness of sins, but it also involves a complete transformation of the human being. As the apostle Paul describes in *Ephesians 4:24*, **"and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness"**. That is, salvation leads us to a new life in Christ, a life of righteousness and holiness before God.

On the other hand, the **"mantle of righteousness"** refers to justification, which is achieved by faith in Jesus Christ. Justification means that, although we are sinners, God declares us righteous through the work of His Son. This is possible because Christ took upon Himself our guilt and our transgressions. According to the Apostle Paul in *2 Corinthians 5:21*, **"God made him who had no sin to be sin[a] for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God"**. The final image of the adorned and adorned bride describes the beauty that God bestows upon those who are saved and justified. That is, God sees us as a beautiful and radiant bride, adorned with the most precious jewels.

This means that our relationship with God is not only a relationship of salvation and justice, but also a relationship of love and devotion.

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> But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.
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> *— Mark 10:6-9*

Book: New Testament / Mark
Topics: marriage, body, sexuality

Interpretation:
Before we delve into the meaning of these verses, it is important to understand the context in which they are found. In Mark 10, *Jesus* talks about marriage and divorce, and how people should respect and honor the union between a man and a woman. He emphasizes the importance of remaining faithful and committed to one another, and He confronts the Pharisees who try to test Him with difficult questions.

The origin of creation

Jesus reminds His followers of the origin of creation and how God created man and woman. He assures us that it was God who created man in His own image and likeness, and that the union of man and woman is a divine plan that brings God’s blessing.

The Biblical meaning of marriage

These verses teach us the importance and sanctity of marriage. When two people are united in marriage, they are not two separate individuals, but become one flesh. It is a close and deep union that can only be broken by death. Marriage is a reflection of God's love for His people and, as such, is a sacred commitment.

We must remember that this union goes far beyond the physical relationship and extends to emotional, spiritual and intellectual aspects. If we want to have a healthy marriage, we must invest

time and energy in our partner and do everything possible to help him or her develop in relationship with God. By preserving this union, we can become one flesh and live a fulfilling married life.

Maintaining marriage

From a Christian perspective, marriage is a divine institution that must be respected and protected. As the verses say: *"Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."* God Himself joins two people together in love and faithfulness, and it is our responsibility to keep this union strong and lasting. Amid the difficulties and trials that we face in marriage, we must always remember the importance of our faith. Prayer, Bible reading, and church involvement will help us strengthen our relationships and find the support and guidance we need to overcome any obstacles.

Moreover, many questions often arise around these verses. For example, what to do if a marriage is in a toxic or abusive situation? How can we reconcile the idea that God brought two people together who have not found happiness in marriage? It is important to remember that marriage is a serious and sacred matter, but we also need to be realistic about the difficulties and obstacles we may face in life. In such cases, it is imperative to seek professional and spiritual help and find effective and positive solutions together.

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> “Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”
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> — *Matthew 19:4-6*

Book: New Testament / Matthew
Topics: marriage, creation, sexuality

Interpretation:
Matthew 19:4-6 clearly points to the marriage union through God. These verses state that when a couple gets married, they become one flesh and therefore should not separate. Marriage was designed by God for a man and a woman to become one and be united forever.

Understanding marriage according to God

When *God* created *Adam and Eve*, He created them to complement each other. In *Genesis 2:18*, *God* says, *“The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.””* Thus, God instituted marriage and designed a couple to be one flesh. When a man and a woman come together, they become one flesh, united by God.

The importance of maintaining marriage

It is important that a marriage remain whole, as God intended. When a couple gets married, they commit to being together and supporting each other for life. In this process, love, respect and loyalty play a vital role. Spouses should strive to become the best version of themselves for the sake of the well-being of their marriage and family.

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> You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.
>
> *— Matthew 5:27-28*

Book: New Testament / Matthew
Topics: marriage, desires, heart, sexuality, sin

Interpretation:
The commandment *“Thou shalt not commit adultery”* is one of the Ten Commandments of God. This commandment is found in *Exodus 20:14* and is one of the oldest commandments in Christianity. *Jesus Christ* also mentions it during His Sermon on the Mount, as noted in *Matthew 5:27-28*. God’s law regarding adultery is clear: *it is a grave sin that undermines the integrity of the family and society as a whole*.

Jesus teaches that it is not enough to abstain from physical adultery, but that we must also guard our hearts and minds from lust. Lust is a strong, selfish desire for sexual pleasure, and it can be especially dangerous if allowed to take root in our thoughts and emotions.

Definition of adultery

Adultery is defined as sexual unfaithfulness between a married person and someone other than their spouse. Infidelity is not limited to physical sexual intercourse, but also includes lust and sexual desire outside of marriage. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus explains that sexual desire and lust are just as sinful as the sexual act itself.

Why does God forbid adultery?

God forbids adultery because it is a sin that involves betrayal and lying. Adultery destroys the emotional and physical connection between a husband and wife, thereby destroying the relationship. It also undermines the unity and integrity of the family and society as a whole. Adultery can lead to separation, divorce, conflict, and domestic violence.

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> In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.
> — *Proverbs 16:9*

Book: Old Testament / Proverbs
Topics: marriage, dependence, planning

Interpretation:
The message of Proverbs 16:9 is simple yet powerful. As humans, we often create plans and expectations for how we want our lives to unfold. We set goals and draw a map to achieve them. However, no one can predict the future, and we don't always get the results we expect.

This verse reminds us that while we control our actions and decisions, God controls how things ultimately unfold. He is the only one who knows what is best for us in the long run and how our plans fit into the greater overall plan He has for our lives.

So we must trust Him to direct our steps and guide our lives toward what is best for us, taking into account all the possible factors along the way.

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> He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the Lord.
> — *Proverbs 18:22*

Book: Old Testament / Proverbs
Topics: marriage, blessing, seeking

Interpretation:
Proverbs 18:22 is a biblical verse that speaks of the importance of marriage and the blessing it brings to those who find the right spouse. In Jewish culture, marriage was considered a sacred institution and an important step in adulthood. This verse suggests that a good marriage is a gift from God, and those who find it fulfill His purposes.

It's important to note that this verse establishes a connection between finding a good partner and finding God's grace. This is significant because it tells us that relationships are a path to spirituality and a connection with the divine.

In this sense, the idea of ??marriage as a divine blessing goes beyond simple harmony in everyday life. Marriage can become a path to holiness and enlightenment, as it provides the opportunity to practice unconditional love and compassion.

This verse also encourages us to consider what it means to "find" the right wife. This is no easy task, and many may fall into despair or even give up. However, we must remember that God has special people in store for each of us. We shouldn't settle for less, but we also shouldn't dwell on it or believe that our happiness depends solely on finding that special someone.

Instead, we should focus on developing the qualities we desire in our ideal partner. Patience, modesty, generosity, and honesty are fundamental values ??that help us attract like-minded people and build healthy, lasting relationships.

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> A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies.
> — *Proverbs 31:10*

Book: Old Testament / Proverbs

Topics: marriage, relationships, valuable

Interpretation:
The Book of Proverbs is renowned for its wise and practical advice for living a fulfilling and successful life. Chapter 31, in particular, describes in detail a virtuous woman valued for her wisdom, diligence, and noble character.

Description of a virtuous woman

Before reflecting on the value of a virtuous woman, it's important to understand what it means to be virtuous according to this passage. This woman is described as hardworking, wise, kind, and compassionate. She manages her household effectively and has a good relationship with her husband and children. In other words, she fulfills God's will and lives in harmony with those around her.

The value of a virtuous woman

In verse 10, the value of a virtuous woman is compared to precious stones. This means that a virtuous woman is both precious and rare. It's difficult to find someone who possesses the qualities described in Proverbs 31. Moreover, her value does not diminish with time or circumstances. On the contrary, her value increases and strengthens with age and life experience.

How this can help the reader

This passage can be very helpful for both men and women. For men, it can serve as a reminder to find and appreciate a virtuous woman in their lives. For women, it can serve as a guide to a life full of meaning, wisdom, and character.

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> You are altogether beautiful, my darling; there is no flaw in you.
> *— Song of songs 4:7*

Book: Old Testament / Song of songs
Topics: marriage, beauty, relationships

Interpretation:
The Book of Song of Songs is a poetic book of the Bible that tells a love story between two lovers.

Throughout history, physical beauty has been idealized and prized. In today's society, beauty is a standard that most people strive to achieve. However, *Song of Songs 4:7* invites us to consider the importance of inner beauty.

Inner beauty is the qualities of a person that are not visible to the naked eye, such as *kindness, generosity, honesty, and compassion*. These are the qualities that truly make us beautiful and set us apart from others. Physical beauty, on the other hand, is temporary and can fade over time.

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