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*Understanding*



*Marriage*

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## Our Mate

- A ministry to 'a single human'
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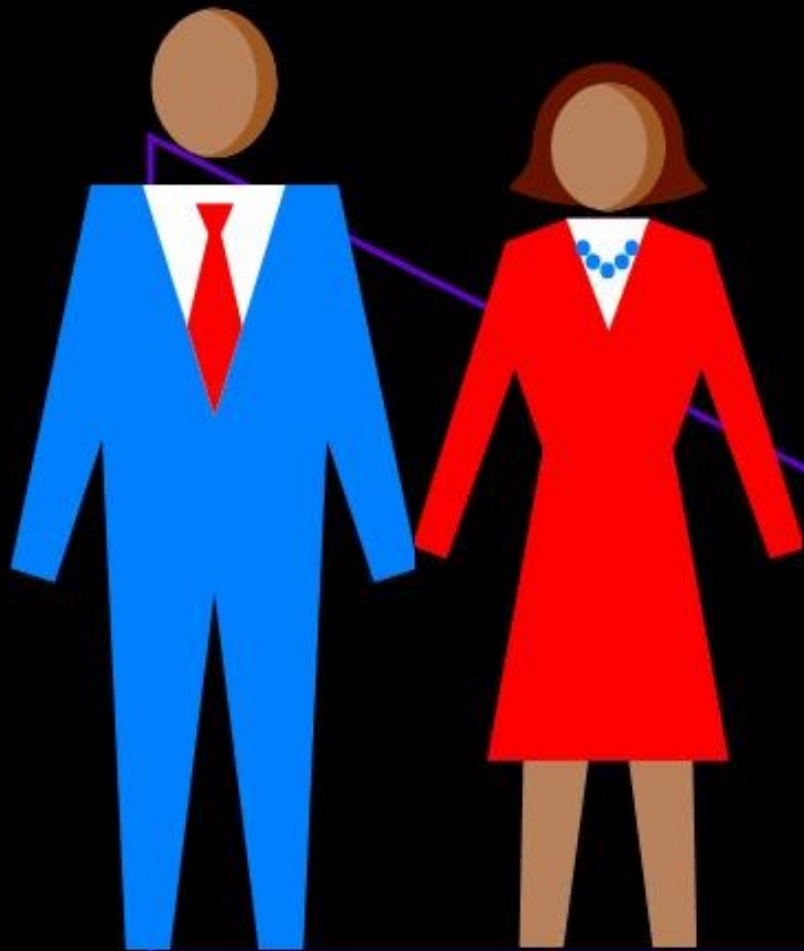
- Psa.127:3 *“Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.”*
- Marriage, God's design to produce 'godly children' (Mal.2:15)
- Deut.11:19 *“And ye shall teach (The Laws) to your children..”*

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## The World

- “Ye are *the Light* of the world. *A City that is set on an hill cannot be hid.*” (Matt. 5:14)
- Rom. 2:1, 17-24 “*Therefore thou art inexcusable*”
- Solving the worlds problems through *modeling* (1 Thes.1:6-7)

# Mans Basic Needs



- **Love / Security**
- **Sense Of Worth  
Significance / Value**

Ministry is to supply these basic needs consistently

# Supplying Mans Basic Needs

## Verbal and Non-verbal

### James 3:2-6

“For in **many things we offend all**. If any man offend not in word, the same *is* a perfect man, *and* able also to bridle the whole body. (KJ)

“For we all **stumble in many ways**. If anyone does not stumble in what (word) he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well. (NAS)

# Supplying Mans Basic Needs

## 1. Verbally

**Eph. 4:29**

“Let no corrupt (unwholesome, rotten word) communication proceed out of your mouth, but (only such a word) that which is good to the use of edifying (to edify profitably – according to the need of the moment), that it may minister grace unto the hearers.” (KJ) (NAS).

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## Divine Principle

My purpose in ministry is to make my mate  
(children or others) realize:

1. Their Value as a person
2. To Keep them secure in my love
3. Never allow them in any way, at any time to feel insignificant or insecure!



## Personal Desires, Reason For Problems

James 4:1-5      “From whence *come* wars and fighting (brawling, quarrels, conflicts) among you? *come they* not hence, *even* of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not: ye kill (commit murder), and desire (envious) to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts (pleasures, with wrong motives). Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, the spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? But he giveth more grace.”

# Personal Desires, Reason For Problems

When desires are not met

1. It hurts

2. Want to lessen the pain by:

Put up protective covering (Fig leaves)

3. Withdrawing (retreating to some else)

4. Talk or manipulate (Brawling, quarrels, murder)

# Curing The Problems



1. Renewed Relationship With God
2. Refuse Your Ministry Priority
3. Let the Word of God live effectively in you
4. Talk about it, really talk about it to God
5. Take action, Refuse to dishonor or blaspheme God's name
6. Understand that you are a part of God in the earth that cannot be duplicated by anyone.

# What about Compatibility?

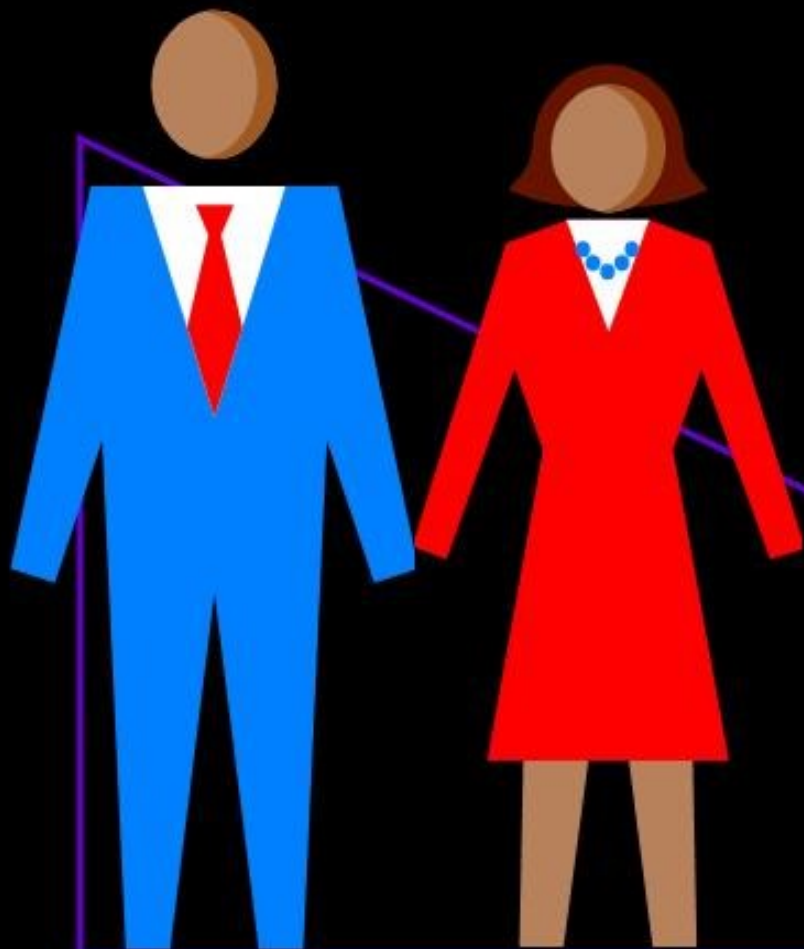
'Compatible' = to be capable of living or functioning harmoniously with others. To be 'Incompatible' is to be unable to live or function harmoniously with others. This in itself sounds barbaric.

'Incompatibility' for divorce is no legitimate status before God. Only adultery and desertion can break marriage.

# God's Requirement

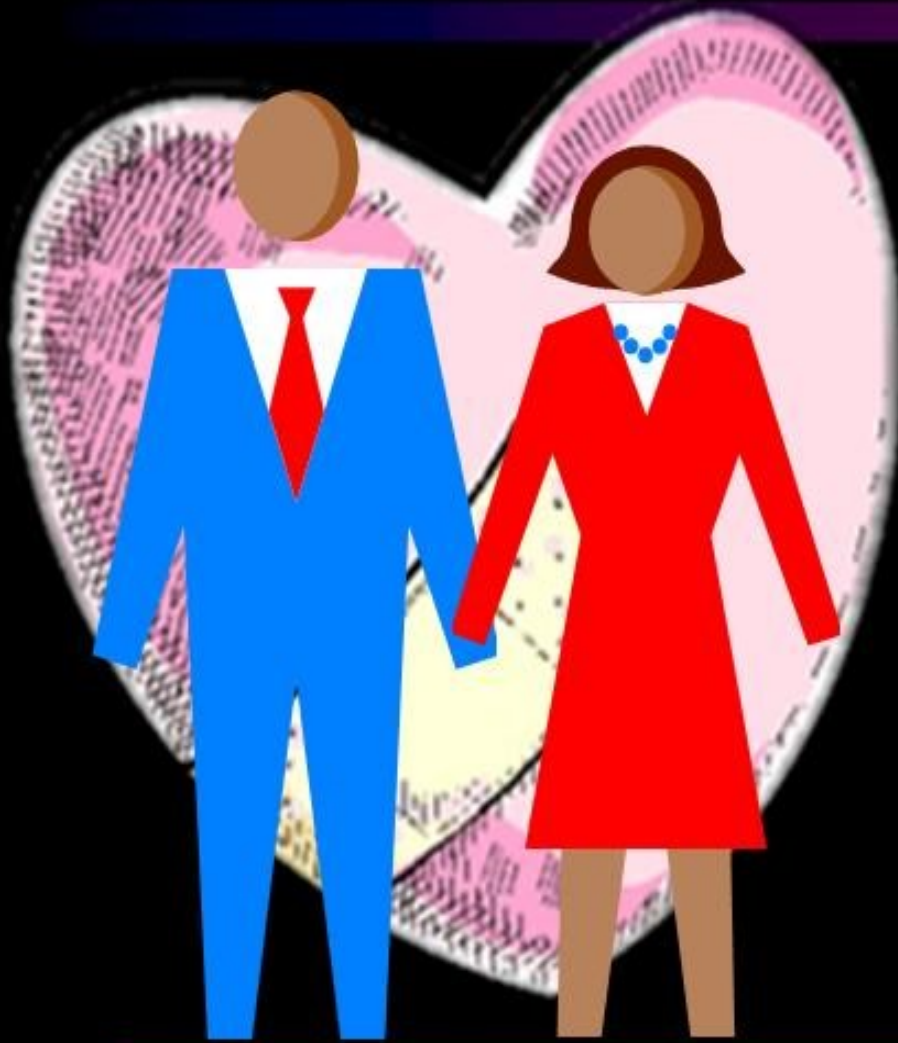
1. Marry "only in the Lord" (1 Cor.7:39)
2. Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers (2 Cor. 6:13-16)
  - It is the nature that determines association
  - Christians by the Spirit have become more than "natural men." (2-Pet. 1:3-4; 1 Cor.2:12-15)

# Becoming One Flesh



If two Christians **properly talk over** all the things that disturb them, **seek to do God's will** about them, and **working together prayerfully**, they can solve any problem - fully capable of living and functioning harmoniously with one another and the world around them.

# Jesus said..



“This is My  
commandment,  
that you love one  
another **as** I have  
loved you.”

John 15:12