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# Marriage: How Does It Work?

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## Four Preliminary Statements:

1. It's easy to say \_\_\_\_\_ and  
really hard to live out \_\_\_\_\_  
in life.

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2. Marriage takes \_\_\_\_\_, hard  
work to thrive and survive in our day.

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3. You never marry the \_\_\_\_\_  
person—you become the \_\_\_\_\_  
person in your marriage.

“Destructive to marriage is the self-fulfillment  
ethic that assumes marriage and the  
family are primarily institutions of personal

fulfillment, necessary for us to become 'whole' and happy. The assumption is that there is someone just right for us to marry and that if we look closely enough we will find the right person. This moral assumption overlooks a crucial aspect to marriage. It fails to appreciate the fact that we always marry the wrong person. We never know whom we marry; we just think we do. Or even if we first marry the right person, just give it a while and he or she will change. For marriage, being (the enormous thing it is) means we are not the same person after we have entered it. The primary problem is... learning how to love and care for the stranger to whom you find yourself married." —Stanley Hauerwas, Ethics Professor, Duke University

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4. God in grace has supplied us with the \_\_\_\_\_ of His Word to enable us to win and to witness for His glory.

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"Marriage is a spiritual relationship designed by God, provided for our good, and intended for His glory." —David McKinley

"Marriage is a unique physical, emotional, and spiritual commitment between a man and a woman... designed by God, provided for our good, and intended for His glory." —Bret Legg

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## Philippians 2:1-8

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### Practicing “I Do” means:

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## Proverbs 13:10 NIV

## Proverbs 13:10 KJV

## Proverbs 13:10 ISV

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## Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

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### Qualities of Friendship

- \_\_\_\_\_, **Proverbs 17:17**
- \_\_\_\_\_, **Proverbs 28:13**
- \_\_\_\_\_, **Proverbs 16:28**
- Lovingly \_\_\_\_\_, **Prov. 27:6**
- Covers \_\_\_\_\_, **Proverbs 17:9**
- \_\_\_\_\_, **Proverbs 25:20**
- Brings Out \_\_\_\_\_, **Proverbs 27:17**

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## **Ephesians 4:32**

“Marriage is a major vehicle for the gospel’s remaking of your heart from the inside out and your life from the ground up... The reason marriage is so painful and yet wonderful is because it is a reflection of the gospel, which is painful and wonderful at once. The gospel is this: We are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared to believe, yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope... The hard times of marriage drive us to experience more of this transforming love of God.” —Timothy Keller

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## **Ephesians 5:27-28**

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## **Mark 10:9**

“People get from books the idea that if you have married the right person you may expect to go on ‘being in love’ forever. As a result, when they find they are not, they think this proves they have made a mistake and are entitled to a change—not realizing that, when they have changed, the glamour will presently go out of the new love just as it went out of the old one...” —C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

Wedded Workouts:

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## Matthew 7:24-27

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“Couples don’t fall out of love, they fall out of repentance. They don’t falter in their passion for each other; they falter in their worship of God.” —J.D. Greear



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