

# 16 Marriage and family life - Principles

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What is marriage?



To marry or not to marry? Why do people choose to live together instead?

What is commitment? Can a marriage work without it, or fail with it?

## The Foundations



Here are some foundations for a happy marriage that will please God. What do these verses mean in practice these days?

Ephesians 3:14-15; Matthew 23:9; Hosea 11:1-4

2 Corinthians 6:14-16; Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:5-6

1 Corinthians 13:4-8, Ephesians 4:1-2 and 15-16

Galatians 6:2-5; 1 Peter; 3:8-11; Ephesians 5:29-32

# The Framework of the Family - Husband and Wife

What attitudes should husbands and wives have for each other?

Ephesians 5:21-33; 1 Peter 3:1-7

What do you learn from these passages about the rôle of a husband?

And of the wife?

Do you think these rôles should be interpreted differently today?

## Children

What responsibilities do children bring?

2 Corinthians 12:14; 1 Timothy 3:4; 1 Samuel 3:13



Deuteronomy 4:9, 6:7; Proverbs 19:18

Ephesians 6:1-4

## Parents and grandparents

What special contribution can grandparents make to a family? What responsibilities do younger members of the family have for them?

1 Timothy 5:1-8

*At home, are you the problem or the solution?*