

Why Am I Doing This? Part II

I Corinthians 7:1-9/Ephesians 5:22-33

Introduction:

I. Review:

God ordained marriage as the way for man and woman to be totally committed to one another under God.

II. God ordained marriage as the place for the most intimate of relationships. (I Cor. 7:1-9)

A. God made man and woman for this relationship. Gen. 1:28; 4:1

B. Intimate relationships are expected in marriage.

1. We consider the needs of our spouse. (vv.3, 4)

2. These relationships in marriage help to prevent immorality (v. 2)

C. Misuse of our burning passions hurts us. (I Cor. 6:18)

III. God ordained marriage to reflect Christ's union with His church. (Eph. 5:22-38)

A. The husband reflects Christ's sacrificial love.

1. An other-oriented love. (vv. 25, 28, 29)

2. A forgiving love. Eph. 4:32

B. The wife reflects the church's submissive love. (vv. 22, 24, 33)

1. She supports her husband willingly

2. She supports her husband's decisions that are not sinful.

Applications:

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