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Marriage Covenant (MC-1)



⁴“Haven’t you read the Scriptures?” Jesus replied. “They record that from the beginning ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁵And he said, “This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.’ ⁶Since they are no longer two but one, let no one split apart what God has joined together.”

~ Matthew 19:4-6 (NLT)

Marriage Covenant (MC-2)



¹⁶Wisdom will save you from the immoral woman, from the seductive words of the promiscuous woman. ¹⁷She has abandoned her husband and ignores the covenant she made before God.”

~ Proverbs 2:16-17 (NLT)

Covenant with God (MC-3)



“You cry out, ‘Why doesn’t the Lord accept my worship?’ I’ll tell you why! Because the Lord witnessed the vows you and your wife made when you were young. But you have been unfaithful to her, though she remained your faithful partner, the wife of your marriage vows.”

~ Malachi 2:14 (NLT)

Covenant with God (MC-4)



“let no one split apart what God has joined together.”

~ Mark 10:9 (NLT)

Divorce (MC-5)



“‘For I hate divorce!’ says the Lord, the God of Israel. ‘To divorce your wife is to overwhelm her with cruelty,’ says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies. ‘So guard your heart; do not be unfaithful to your wife.’”

~ Malachi 2:16 (NLT)

Divorce (MC-6)



¹¹He told them, ‘Whoever divorces his wife and marries someone else commits adultery against her. ¹²And if a woman divorces her husband and marries someone else, she commits adultery.’”

~ Mark 10:11-12 (NLT)

Authority of Scripture (MC-7)



“Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.”

~ Joshua 1:8 (NLT)

Authority of Scripture (MC-8)



¹⁶All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. ¹⁷God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.”

~ 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)

Husband: Spiritual Leader (MC-9)



²⁵For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her ²⁶to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God’s word.”

~ Ephesians 5:25-26 (NLT)

Husband: Spiritual Leader (MC-10)



“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.”

~ Ephesians 6:4 (NLT)

Husband: Emotional Needs (MC-11)



"So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband."

~ Ephesians 5:33 (NLT)

Husband: Emotional Needs (MC-12)



"In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life. Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered."

~ 1 Peter 3:7 (NLT)

Husband: Trusting/Truthful (MC-13)



"Her husband can trust her, and she will greatly enrich his life."

~ Proverbs 31:11 (NLT)

Husband: Trusting/Truthful (MC-14)



"Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church."

~ Ephesians 4:15 (NLT)

Husband: Material Needs (MC-15)



²⁸In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man who loves his wife actually shows love for himself. ²⁹No one hates his own body but feeds and cares for it, just as Christ cares for the church. ³⁰And we are members of his body."

~ Ephesians 5:28-30 (NLT)

Husband: Material Needs (MC-16)



"But those who won't care for their relatives, especially those in their own household, have denied the true faith. Such people are worse than unbelievers."

~ 1 Timothy 5:8 (NLT)

Husband: Home a Priority (MC-17)



⁴He must manage his own family well, having children who respect and obey him. ⁵For if a man cannot manage his own household, how can he take care of God's church?"

~ 1 Timothy 3:4-5 (NLT)

Husband: Home a Priority (MC-18)



"Laziness leads to a sagging roof; idleness leads to a leaky house."

~ Ecclesiastes 10:18 (NLT)

Wife: Submit (MC-19)



²²For wives, this means submit to your husbands as to the Lord. ²³For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church."

~ Ephesians 5:22-23 (NLT)

Wife: Submit (MC-20)



"As the church submits to Christ, so you wives should submit to your husbands in everything."

~ Ephesians 5:24 (NLT)

Wife: Sexually Exciting (MC-21)



"²⁴This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. ²⁵Now the man and his wife were both naked, but they felt no shame."

~ Genesis 2:24-25 (NLT)

Wife: Sexually Exciting (MC-22)



"She is a loving deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts satisfy you always. May you always be captivated by her love."

~ Proverbs 5:19 (NLT)

Wife: Helpmate/Companion (MC-23)



"Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him.'"

~ Genesis 2:18 (NLT)

Wife: Helpmate/Companion (MC-24)



"¹²She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life. . . ²⁷She carefully watches everything in her household and suffers nothing from laziness."

~ Proverbs 31:12, 27 (NLT)

Wife: Home a Refuge (MC-25)



"Live happily with the woman you love through all the meaningless days of life that God has given you under the sun. The wife God gives you is your reward for all your earthly toil."

~ Ecclesiastes 9:9 (NLT)

Wife: Home a Refuge (MC-26)



"Let your wife be a fountain of blessing for you. Rejoice in the wife of your youth."

~ Proverbs 5:18 (NLT)

Wife: Respect (MC-27)



"So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband."

~ Ephesians 5:33 (NLT)

Wife: Respect (MC-28)



"A quarrelsome wife is as annoying as constant dripping on a rainy day."

~ Proverbs 27:15 (NLT)