

# What Are the Biblical Requirements for Marriage?

God designed marriage to be a committed covenant relationship between a man and a woman — a sacred, sanctified relationship of mutual love lasting a lifetime.

- \_\_\_\_\_ only to a person of the opposite sex for marriage.

*“The Lord God said: ‘It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.’ ... Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.” (Genesis 2:18, 22)*

- \_\_\_\_\_ your lifestyle of being dependent on your parents.

*“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother ...” (Genesis 2:24)*

- \_\_\_\_\_ with your mate legally.

*“... and be united to his wife ...” (Genesis 2:24)*

- \_\_\_\_\_ together as one in sexual union.

*“... and they will become one flesh.” (Genesis 2:24)*

- \_\_\_\_\_ your partner for a lifetime.

*“What God has joined together, let man not separate.” (Mark 10:9)*

**Q “I cannot financially afford to marry my fiancé. Isn’t it okay for us to live together without marrying?”**

**A** \_\_\_\_\_. God set out in Scripture the right order regarding a man and a woman living together and enjoying a sexual relationship. In the second chapter of the Bible, God says a man is to leave his parents, enter into marriage, and then enjoy the sexual union. If the order is wrong, the results will be wrong. Before you enter into marriage, you do need to have wisdom and discipline about money, both income and expenses. God not only knows your financial situation, He also knows how to meet your financial need. Your resource for wisdom and provision is your God.

*“And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:19)*

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