

When Two Become One

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Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him." Genesis 2:18

for this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.

Ephesians 5:31

How do we choose our mate?

Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and he took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her; thus Isaac was comforted after his mother's death. Genesis 24:67

So Jacob served seven years for Rachel and they seemed to him but a few days because of his love for her. Genesis 29:20

Conscious Reasons—healthy and unhealthy:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Unconscious Reasons:

1. _____
2. _____

Barriers to Becoming One:

Romantic courtship behavior and marital bliss ends within days, weeks or months after the honeymoon because barriers trigger emotions that lead to _____ and _____.

1. _____ barriers
2. _____ barriers
3. _____ barriers
4. _____ barriers

Family of Origin Issues (barriers)

How do we know how to be married?

Primary influence is from _____

Scripture references for healthy parental influence:

The LORD was with Jehoshaphat because he followed the example of his father David's earlier days ... 2 Chr 17:3

He did right in the sight of the LORD according to all that his father Amaziah had done. 2 Chr 26:4

Scripture references for unhealthy parental influence:

He did evil in the sight of the LORD and walked in the way of his father and in the way of his mother and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin. I Kings 22:52

He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab, for his mother was his counselor to do wickedly. 2 Chr 22:3

but have walked after the stubbornness of their heart and after the Baals, as their fathers taught them," Jer 9:14

You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me.

Ex 20:5

Parents aren't supposed to be perfect:

1. Childhood _____.
2. _____ of feelings and behavior.
3. See _____ of parents in mate.
4. Project _____ traits on _____.

How to have a healthy, loving, Christian marriage:

1. Recognize _____ and _____ them.
2. _____ and _____ to _____ leading in the marriage.
3. _____ is essential.
4. Get _____.