

Foundational Facts About The Family

In the beginning, what God created was orderly. God made everything and pronounced it all "*good*" and "*very good*" (Genesis 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31). But when man was first created, he had no helper of the same nature, and God said that it was "*not good*" for man to be alone (Genesis 2:18). Therefore, God made man and woman whole in the relationship of marriage.

It did not take long for man to turn order into disorder. In Genesis 4:19, the Bible says, "*And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah.*" Polygamy was introduced and exists until now. Although civil law proclaims it acceptable, people today have multiple wives because they have not divorced for the only acceptable reason: fornication (Matthew 5:32; 19:9). This produces a condition of adultery (Romans 7:2-3), and will cause someone to be condemned if it is not corrected (Hebrews 13:4; Revelation 21:8).

But thinking positively, if our home is to be acceptable, it must first be entered with the full intention of permanence (Genesis 2:24). Second, it must recognize that divorce is an abomination to God (Malachi 2:13-16). God witnessed the weeping, sighing, and dealing treacherously in marriage among the Israelites. Third, it must employ the elements of love to solve every problem (1 Corinthians 13:4-7). Where love is present, good is done (Ephesians 5:22-31; 1 Peter 3:1-7). On the contrary, where strife exists, the result will be evil (Galatians 5:15; Ephesians 4:26-27). Fourth, it must have both spouses working for an eternal end based on principles of truth.

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