

Thoughts On Marriage

More and more these days, it seems like the attitude of the younger generation is "Why marriage?" In our society, regrettably, marriage is ridiculed heavily. One only has to hear a comedian make their disparaging remarks or watch a sitcom that belittles marital sex as dull or boring to really see how many view marriage. According to a lot of people in the world, marriage is nowhere near as exciting as promiscuous "fooling around." If marriage were "as advertised" on television, why would anyone ever want to be married?

If the television treatment of marriage were not enough, there are also all the worn-out jokes at weddings about the guy getting a ring both for his finger and one for his nose, or the old one about getting a millstone tied round his neck. There has also been a ridiculing of and noticeable decline in the use of the word "obey" in the wedding vows, as if the wife is no longer to submit to her husband (Ephesians 5:24). Honestly, with all the "fine humor" that is available about marriage, it is no wonder that some feel solitary confinement is preferable!

Hebrews 13:4 says, *"Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge."* Marriage is given to us by God and nothing can replace its purity and perfection (Genesis 2:24-25). Men and women who have taken those solemn vows should be content to dwell with one another, enjoying it as a gift from God. So do not disparage marriage. If you want a mate, seek to live within its confines, for it is a perfect solution given to us by our loving God.

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