

**SONRISE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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**ONE PLUS ONE EQUALS ONE**  
**GENESIS 1 - 2**

**Marriage Defined:**

Marriage: a covenant of companionship between equals that results in unity for the purpose of dominion under God.

**Foundation Principles for Marriage:**

Principle One:

To have a God-pleasing marriage, it starts with me.

Principle Two:

The fundamental question of my marriage is,  
“Who or what am I going to serve?”

Principle Three:

Good marriages always committed to selfless service.

**Marriage Began In The Garden** (Genesis 1-2)

Background:

This is in the first six days of creation by God.  
This is before sin entered into the world.

Everything in this text is part of God’s choices as Creator-God (1:26-31).

Man is made in the image of God (both male and female).

Man is made with a purpose: dominion (Sub-Regents).

God blessed them (gave them provision):  
God instructed them (gave them purpose):  
Be fruitful and multiply!

Fill the earth and subdue it

God saw that it was very good!

The creation story explained with more detail regarding Adam (2:18-25).

God designs man a companion – a suitable helper.

Adam summarizes God’s plan well:

This one - finally - is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one will be called woman because she was taken out of man.

God also summarizes it.

Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Leaving:

Cleaving:

Becoming one flesh (weaving):

The man and his wife were naked and not ashamed.

**Areas of Interest – Application:**

Contentment

- Although you have a choice who you marry, your choice ultimately fulfills God’s plan for your marriage.
- Are you as pleased with your spouse as God was with Eve?
- Do you see your spouse as the gift he/she is?

Expectations

- Do you primarily look to your spouse for your *own* benefit, or do you look to your spouse as someone you *can* benefit?

Intimacy

- Companionship is God’s design for your marriage.
- Helpers work together in unity of purpose and relationship.
- Are you carefully working toward being the kind of companion God would have you to be?

- Are you putting your energy and efforts into your spouse?
- Are you striving to ‘weave’ your life with your spouse’s life?
- Are you living life as intimately as God would have you live?

#### Compatability

- Essentially, you and your spouse are similar.
- You share God’s purposes and design for life.
- Your differences are part of God’s creative work.

#### **Implications for YOUR Life:**

1. Are you willing to live to please God?
2. Are you willing to live to work with your spouse to please God?
3. Where do you need to accept God’s view of your spouse and not your own?
4. Where are you putting your energy and effort?  
Are you actively striving to live with your spouse in unity of companionship?
5. What kind of friend are you?

#### Homework

1. Take an opportunity this week to creatively serve your friend!
  - Be sure to not look for a compliment or a favor in return.
  - Consider what you would do for other friends
2. Track your schedule this week.
  - Was your time devoted to your spouse, children or friends?
  - Are you spending your time with interests in common with your spouse, children or friends?
3. Have a conversation with your spouse.  
Consider some of the following discussion starters:
  1. What are your 5 favorite foods, with the most favorite first?
  2. What are your 5 favorite kinds of meals, with the most favorite first?

3. What are your 5 favorite desserts, with the most favorite first?
4. What are your 5 favorite restaurants, with the most favorite first?
5. What is your favorite color?
6. What are your 5 favorite hobbies, with the most favorite first?
7. What are your 5 favorite recreations, with the most favorite first?
8. What are your 5 favorite sources of reading, with the most favorite first?
9. What gifts do you like?
10. What is your favorite books(s) of the Bible? Why?
11. What is your favorite verse(s) of the Bible? Why?
12. What is your favorite song?
13. What makes you the most fulfilled or happiest as a woman/man?
14. What makes you the most fulfilled or happiest as a wife/husband?
15. What makes you the most fulfilled or happiest as a mother/father?
16. What makes you saddest as a woman/man?
17. What makes you saddest as a wife/husband?
18. What makes you saddest as a mother/father?
19. What do you fear the most?
20. What other fears do you have?
21. What do you look forward to the most?
22. How much sleep do you need?
23. What do you consider to be your skills?
24. What do you believe to be your spiritual gifts?
25. What are your weaknesses?
26. To ask wife: What things (personal, home, car, etc.) need repairing?  
To ask husband: What things around the home need to be cleaned?
27. To ask wife: With what chores and responsibilities do you like my help?  
To ask husband: How can I make it easier for you to lead our family?
28. What caresses do you enjoy the most?
29. What caresses do you enjoy the least?
30. What action of mine provides you the greatest sexual pleasure?