

# Rekindling the Fires of Love God's Design For Marriage

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## Why are Marriages Failing?

1. Family \_\_\_\_\_
2. Secular media
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Nature
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_ that are too High

## What If God Designed Marriage, Not To Make You \_\_\_\_\_ – But \_\_\_\_\_ ?

"Like the Holy One who called you, **be holy** yourselves also in all your behavior;" 1 Peter 1:15 NASB95

"Our only goal is to please God" 2 Corinthians 5:9 NCV

"Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31 NIV

Any Situation That Causes Me to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Has Enormous Spiritual Value

1. God designed us to \_\_\_\_\_

"God said, **"It's not good for the Man to be alone**; I'll make him a helper, a companion."*" Genesis 2:18 MSG*

2. God designed us so our \_\_\_\_\_  
are to come from our relationship with Him

"Instead, **be concerned above everything else** with the Kingdom of God and with what he requires of you, and he will provide you with all these other things." *Matthew 6:33 GNT*

3. Every marriage has eternal significance – God is \_\_\_\_\_

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to **be conformed to the likeness of his Son**, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers." *Romans 8:28-29 NIV*

4. God calls us to put the \_\_\_\_\_  
rather than trying to get our partner to change

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➤ "Lord, what are you \_\_\_\_\_, to deal with a person that " \_\_\_\_\_ " in this way?"

## Marriage Can Be That \_\_\_\_\_, the Site of a Relationship That Proclaims God's Love to the World

"**Wives, submit** to your husbands as to the Lord... **Husbands, love** your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy... 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.' **This is a profound mystery**—but I am talking about Christ and the church..." *Ephesians 5:22-33 NIV*