

God's Ideal Marriage



God is the "author" of marriage. While there are no perfect marriages, lasting marriages are unified, God-centered, and emotionally intimate. This realistic and entertaining presentation underscores the necessity of common goals and values if a marriage is to thrive.

I. Unified

- A. Spiritually
- B. Intellectually
- C. Emotionally

II. God-centered

- A. Commitment

"I commit _____

- B. Unconditional love

1. A decision to _____
2. Not unconditional _____
of _____

- C. Forgiveness

Definition:

"I release _____"

I was _____

I am _____

Please _____

Why is forgiving so difficult?

Fear...

...of offense _____

...of not being able _____

...we might _____

Or perhaps because of _____

III. Emotionally Intimate

A. Definition:

Freedom from anxiety in the presence of _____

B. Emotional divorce:

_____ not a relationship

C. Examples of emotional needs:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

"However each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband."

Ephesians 5:33