

# A Godly Marriage Family By Design

## Practice #1

### Undivided Single \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Corinthians 7:6** I say this as a concession, not as a command. **7** But I wish everyone were single, just as I am. Yet each person has a special gift from God, of one kind or another. **8** So I say to those who aren't married and to widows—it's better to stay unmarried, just as I am. *(NLT)*

**1 Corinthians 7:25** Now regarding your question about the young women who are not yet married. I do not have a command from the Lord for them. But the Lord in his mercy has given me wisdom that can be trusted, and I will share it with you. **26** Because of the present crisis [*pressures of life*], I think it is best to remain as you are. **27** If you have a wife, do not seek to end the marriage. If you do not have a wife, do not seek to get married. **28** But if you do get married, it is not a sin. And if a young woman gets married, it is not a sin. However, those who get married at this time will have troubles, and I am trying to spare you those problems. *(NLT)*

You \_\_\_\_\_ Me

**1 Corinthians 7:40** But in my opinion it would be better for her to stay single, and I think I am giving you counsel from God's Spirit when I say this. *(NLT)*

**1 Corinthians 7:32** I want you to be free from the concerns of this life. An unmarried man can spend his time doing the Lord's

work and thinking how to please him. **33** But a married man has to think about his earthly responsibilities and how to please his wife. **34** His interests are divided. In the same way, a woman who is no longer married or has never been married can be devoted to the Lord and holy in body and in spirit. But a married woman has to think about her earthly responsibilities and how to please her husband. **35** I am saying this for your benefit, not to place restrictions on you. I want you to do whatever will help you serve the Lord best, with as few distractions as possible. *(NLT)*

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## Practice #2

### Unify Your \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Corinthians 7:9** But if they can't control themselves, they should go ahead and marry. It's better to marry than to burn with lust. *(NLT)*

**1 Corinthians 7:36** But if a man thinks that he's treating his fiancée improperly and will inevitably give in to his passion, let him marry her as he wishes. It is not a sin. **37** But if he has decided firmly not to marry and there is no urgency and he can control his passion, he does well not to marry. **38** So the person who marries his fiancée does well, and the person who doesn't marry does even better. **39** A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. If her husband dies, she is free to marry anyone she wishes, but only if he loves the Lord. *(NLT)*

Avoid \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Teachable**

**Practice #3**

**Unswerving In Your** \_\_\_\_\_

**Psalm 101:1** I will sing of your love and justice, Lord. I will praise you with songs. **2** I will be careful to live a blameless life—when will you come to help me? I will lead a life of integrity in my own home. **3** I will refuse to look at anything vile and vulgar. I hate all who deal crookedly; I will have nothing to do with them. **4** I will reject perverse ideas and stay away from every evil. **5** I will not tolerate people who slander their neighbors. I will not endure conceit and pride. *(NLT)*

**Proverbs 3:33** The Lord curses the house of the wicked, but he blesses the home of the upright. *(NLT)*

**Matthew 6:32** “These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. **33** Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.” *(NLT)*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Mindset**

**Practice #4**

**Uphold Your** \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Corinthians 7:10** But for those who are married, I have a command that comes not from me, but from the Lord. A wife must not leave her husband. **11** But if she does leave him, let her

remain single or else be reconciled to him. And the husband must not leave his wife. *(NLT)*

**Matthew 19:9** “And I tell you this, whoever divorces his wife and marries someone else commits adultery—unless his wife has been unfaithful.” *(NLT)*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Married**

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**1 Corinthians 7:12** Now, I will speak to the rest of you, though I do not have a direct command from the Lord. If a fellow believer has a wife who is not a believer and she is willing to continue living with him, he must not leave her. **13** And if a believing woman has a husband who is not a believer and he is willing to continue living with her, she must not leave him. **14** For the believing wife brings holiness to her marriage, and the believing husband brings holiness to his marriage. Otherwise, your children would not be holy, but now they are holy. **15** (But if the husband or wife who isn't a believer insists on leaving, let them go. In such cases the believing husband or wife is no longer bound to the other, for God has called you to live in peace.) **16** Don't you wives realize that your husbands might be saved because of you? And don't you husbands realize that your wives might be saved because of you? **17** Each of you should continue to live in whatever situation the Lord has placed you, and remain as you were when God first called you. This is my rule for all the churches. *(NLT)*

**RELAY** Jesus

**Practice #5**

**Understand You Are \_\_\_\_\_**

**Ecclesiastes 4:9** Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. (NLT)

**Mark 10:6** "But 'God made them male and female' [Genesis 1:27; 5:2] from the beginning of creation. **7** 'This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, **8** and the two are united into one.' Since they are no longer two but one, **9** let no one split apart what God has joined together." [Genesis 2:24] (NLT)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Makes The Dream Work.**

**1 Peter 3:6** For instance, Sarah obeyed her husband, Abraham, and called him her master. You are her daughters when you do what is right without fear of what your husbands might do. **7** In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life. Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered. (NLT)

**Matthew 7:12** "Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets." (NLT)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Them With Honor**

**Practice #6**

**Unravel Your \_\_\_\_\_**

**1 Corinthians 11:1** And you should imitate me, just as I imitate Christ. (NLT)

**Ephesians 5:1** Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. (NLT)

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**Philippians 2:3** Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. (NLT)

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**Proverbs 28:13** People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy. (NLT)

- **Marriage Destroyers:**
- **Lack of \_\_\_\_\_:**
- **Lack of \_\_\_\_\_:**
- **Lack of \_\_\_\_\_:**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Attitude:**
- **Feelings of \_\_\_\_\_:**

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**Matthew 6:14** "If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. **15** But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins." (NLT)

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**Ephesians 4:29** Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. **30** And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption. **31** Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. **32** Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you. (NLT)

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**Psalms 39:6** We are merely moving shadows, and all our busy rushing ends in nothing. We heap up wealth, not knowing who will spend it. (NLT)

**Practice #7**

**Untroubled By Your** \_\_\_\_\_

**Colossians 3:18** Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting for those who belong to the Lord. **19** Husbands, love your wives and never treat them harshly. **20** Children, always obey your parents, for this pleases the Lord. **21** Fathers, do not aggravate your children, or they will become discouraged. (NLT)

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**Check**

- Biblical \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

**Involuntary:**

**Temporary:**

**Voluntary (possibly life-long but not eternal):**

**Voluntary and Eternal:**

- No Submission - \_\_\_\_\_
- No Leader - \_\_\_\_\_
- No Responsibility - \_\_\_\_\_
- No Integrity - \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Corinthians 7:3** The husband should fulfill his wife's sexual needs, and the wife should fulfill her husband's needs. **4** The wife

gives authority over her body to her husband, and the husband gives authority over his body to his wife. *(NLT)*

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**Genesis 2:18** Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him." *(NLT)*

**Ephesians 5:21** And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. **22** For wives, this means submit to your husbands as to the Lord. **23** For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church. **24** As the church submits to Christ, so you wives should submit to your husbands in everything. **25** For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her **26** to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. **27** He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault. **28** In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man who loves his wife actually shows love for himself. **29** No one hates his own body but feeds and cares for it, just as Christ cares for the church. **30** And we are members of his body. **31** As the Scriptures say, "A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one." *[Genesis 2:24]* **32** This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one. **33** So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. *(NLT)*

**Know Your** \_\_\_\_\_

## Practice #8

### Upward With \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Corinthians 7:29** But let me say this, dear brothers and sisters: The time that remains is very short. So from now on, those with wives should not focus only on their marriage. **30** Those who weep or who rejoice or who buy things should not be absorbed by their weeping or their joy or their possessions. **31** Those who use the things of the world should not become attached to them. For this world as we know it will soon pass away. *(NLT)*

**Stuff** \_\_\_\_\_

**Revelation 2:3** You have patiently suffered for me without quitting. **4** "But I have this complaint against you. You don't love me or each other as you did at first! **5** Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to me and do the works you did at first. If you don't repent, I will come and remove your lampstand from its place among the churches. *(NLT)*

**As You** \_\_\_\_\_