

Family Matters Series 1

2014 Report - Less than half the couples living together are married.

I. GOD'S REASON FOR INSTITUTING MARRIAGE – Gen. 2:24

- A. To populate the earth – Gen. 1:28
- B. To Share God's creation
- C. To have someone with whom to communicate intimately
- D. To have an object to love – Gen. 2:20b; John 3:16; I John 4:6-16

Such as:

- 1. Human Races
 - 2. Neighbors
 - 3. Those of like precious faith – Rom. 12:10; 16:16
 - 4. Our children
 - 5. Our spouses for life time Eph. 5:21-33; Gen. 2:18
- E. To make two one - marriage is honorable – Heb. 13:4
- 1. $1=2$ Eve from Adam
 $1+1=1$ Adam and Eve
 $1+1=3$ Adam and Eve and baby
 - 2. "help meet" = helper who is fit – two connected pieces of puzzle
 - 3. The sexes are equal but different
 - 4. The woman completes man
 - 5. The Sexes are to complement each other
 - 6. Strengthen each other's weakness; not weaken each other's strengths
- "Before the Fall, Eve was ideally woman and Adam was ideally man. They worked together, shared together in magnificent harmony. The Fall changed that, and they were no longer as coordinated as they had been. The roles changed."

II. SOME THREATS TO MARRIAGE

Satan continually attacks the marriage relationship. 1 Tim. 4:1-3; 2 Tim. 3:1-7

1 John 2:15-17; I Peter 5:8,9

- A. Wrong priorities
- B. Self-centeredness
- C. Immorality
- D. Media

"God's Equation of one man with one woman for life – in Marriage – is the principle upon which Christians should live." Gen. 2:24; Matt. 5, 10, 19