

Examining God's Purpose for Marriage:

God's Five purposes for Marriage:

MANAGE God's Creation

MODEL Christ's relationship to His Church

MIRROR God's Image

MULTIPLY a Godly heritage

MUTUALLY complete one another

For each Scripture reference outline which of God's purposes for marriage is taught:

Genesis 1:26,27 _____

Genesis 1:28a _____

Genesis 1:28b _____

Genesis 2:18; 1 Cor 11:11 _____

Ephesians
5:31 _____

Receiving Your Mate

One thing I would not change about my mate is...

What are your mate's 3 greatest strengths -- and how do they complement your own strengths and weaknesses?

What would your closest friends say is the purpose of your marriage?

Read Genesis 2:18-23 carefully and in 2 different translations.

1. What need did God build into Adam that was not filled by God's personal presence? What was not good about Adam as God created him?

2. What are some likely reasons God made Adam incomplete?

3. Identify 2 or 3 ways you are incomplete and need your mate:

4. What did naming animals have to do with Adam's aloneness? How aware of being alone do you think Adam was before he named the animals?

5. Why did God want Adam to see his need for a mate? Why does God want you to see a need?

6. At the beginning of your relationship with your mate, how aware was God of all your needs (past, present, future)?

7. Look @ Genesis 2:21,22. List five things God did in these verses:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

8. What of these seem most significant? Why?

9. Read Genesis 2:23. What had Eve done up to this point to warrant Adam's acceptance?

10. Why was Adam able to immediately recognize Eve as the mate who would fulfill his need?

11. Who did Adam know better, Eve or God?

12. Who do you know better, your mate or God?

13. What causes you to reject rather than receive your mate?

14. Since God provided your mate, can you reject your mate (even with sin) without rejecting God? Why?

15. What tangible steps will you take in the next week to receive your mate as a gift from God? Be specific!