

THE KING'S DESIGN FOR MARRIAGE, PART 1

MATTHEW 19:1-6

Marriage was ordained for a remedy and to increase the world and for the man to help the woman and the woman the man, with all love and kindness.

-William Tyndale

I. The Authority

II. The Need

III. The Provision

Getting to know you:

1. What is the strangest wedding gift you know of personally?

Into the Bible:

2. That God designed marriage is evident from the very beginning (Genesis 2:18-25). God intends marriage to be a covenant relationship between a husband and wife, not a conditional contract between them. (Matthew 19:5-6) Why is this so important to the picture that marriage provides of the relationship of Christ to his church?

Into the Bible:

3. Marriage is a blessing (Proverbs 18:22, Hebrews 13:4), but although it is normative for us as men and women, it is not universal. A failure to marry or the end of a marriage does not in itself signify God's disfavor with an individual. (I Corinthians 7:32-35, I Timothy 5) How can we truly support those who are single by choice or circumstance?

For Families:

4. Talk with your children about God's importance to a good marriage.