

Some of God's "RULES" for Marriage (To receive His Blessings, Protection and Power):

- ◆ Marriage creates one flesh out of the two so that we are not to live to ourselves but to maintain oneness; not to live separate lives.
(Gen. 2:24; Malachi 2:15; Matthew 19:4-6; Ephesians 5:31)
- ◆ Man and woman are created in God's likeness intending for us to be like Him.
(Gen. 5:1-2)
- ◆ The husband is the head of the wife to love her and give his life to her just as Christ loved and gave Himself up for the Church. The wife is to respect and submit to her husband and follow him as he follows Christ ("as to the Lord").
(Ephesians 5:22-33; 1 Peter 3:1)
- ◆ Do not be harsh with your wives.
(Colossians 3:19)
- ◆ Keep the marriage bed pure and do not commit adultery (physically OR in our minds).
(Hebrews 13:4)
- ◆ Wives, lead pure and reverent lives towards your husbands with a gentle and quiet spirit.
(1 Peter 3:2-4)
- ◆ Don't deprive each other of sex except for a time that each can be devoted to prayer. But stay in control so that Satan does not tempt us. The spouse's body belongs to his/her mate.
(1 Corinthians 7:3-5)
- ◆ We are bound to our spouse until he/she dies (1 Corinthians 7:39) unless the spouse is maritally unfaithful (Matthew 19:9) or if an unbelieving spouse leaves.
(1 Corinthians 7:15)
- ◆ God's definition of Love.
(1 Corinthians 13)

