God's Way Versus Man's

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INTRODUCTION

- God planned for marriage, and he had a specific plan with a specific purpose.
- I want to use the home as a case study of showing what happens on two different planes. When God says one thing and society says another.

1 What God Says About Before Marriage

Hebrews 13:4; 1 Corinthians 6:18–20; 2 Timothy 2:22

- Let marriage be held in honor among all. And let the marriage bed be undefiled. For God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.
- God's plan is for man and woman to be together in marriage and in that marriage bond alone. Society says, just enjoy life.
- Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.
- You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God with your body.
- He has redeemed us, so we should live different.

2 Marriage Is for One Man and One Woman

Matthew 19:3–6; Romans 1:21–28; 1 Corinthians 6:9–11

- Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.
- This was not God pushing us towards sin. This was man hurtling toward it and God just permissively allowing it to happen.
- If you have left the plan of God, you can come back.
- But you were washed. You were sanctified. You were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.
- All matters of sexual immorality are destroying God's plan, because God's plan is for one man and one woman.

3 God Says Marriage Is for Life

Matthew 19:6–9; Matthew 5:32

- It was one man and one woman for life.
- Divorce for the cause of sexual immorality is within God's plan. God says, by rule, though, marriage is for life.
- But society says you deserve happiness. You divorce if you need to.
- God has a plan for a marriage, and it goes beyond even the two individuals.

4 Love Your Spouse Selflessly

Ephesians 5:24–33; 1 Peter 3:1–7; Titus 2:1–6

- However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.
- Society says marriage is for your fulfillment.
- God's plan for marriage is for one person to love the other selflessly.
- A wife will want to submit to a husband who lovingly puts her first. And a husband will feel loved by a wife who submits to him.
- Train the young women to love their husbands and children, that the word of God may not be reviled.

5 Children Are to Honor Their Father and Mother

Ephesians 6:1–4; Deuteronomy 6:1–9

- Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother.
- Fathers do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.
- Society says to children, do whatever makes you happy.
- Because in the home we can teach God.
- We must work together to raise Christians.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **What are we going to choose? Be the difference that you want to see. Follow God today.**

MY NOTES