

**GOD'S PURPOSES IN MARRIAGE**  
(Husband)

**I. God's Purposes for Marriage.**

**A. God designed marriage for companionship. (Genesis 2:18)**

1. The basic responsibility of marriage is to provide companionship.
2. The commitment of marriage is a covenant of companionship.

**Question: How do your words and actions show your wife that you are committed to providing her companionship?**

**Do you seek to provide social, intellectual and spiritual companionship to your wife as much as you seek sexual companionship?**

**What can you do to greater honor your covenant to your wife to provide social, spiritual, intellectual and physical companionship? Be specific as to what you will do and say differently?**

**B. God designed marriage for co-laboring. (Genesis 2:15-18)**

**In what aspects of your marriage would you say you and your wife work well together as a team?**

**In what aspects of your marriage would you say you and your wife do not work well together as a team?**

**What can you do to help you and your wife work better as a team? Be specific as to what you will do and say differently?**

**C. God designed marriage for cleaving. (Genesis 2:24).**

Cleaving means you and your wife should work toward unity and becoming “one”. What other relationships interfere with you and your wife becoming one flesh (socially, intellectually, spiritually and physically)? Think parents, siblings, children, co-workers, friends.

What can you do to foster unity and “oneness” in your marriage? Be specific as to what you can say or do differently.

**D. God designed marriage to reflect the relationship between Christ and His Church (Ephesians 5:31-32).**

How does the truth of Ephesians 5 does:31-32 affect your thinking about your responsibilities as a husband?

What can you say and do to be more like Christ to your wife? Be specific.