

Marriage

What the Culture Says

1. Marriage is a cultural convention that varies from place-to-place and can evolve over time.
2. Marriage is a legitimate option for those who desire it, but self-actualization is most important.
3. Why bother getting married when you can have casual sexual relationships?
4. Marriage is to be understood and experienced as a 50/50 partnership between absolute equals.
5. If you are no longer happy in marriage or have fallen out of love, you should divorce.

What Scripture Says

1. It is a creation ordinance instituted by God and is therefore unalterable (Gen. 2:18-25, Matt. 19:8).
2. It is ordinarily essential for personal enrichment and the ordering of society (Gen. 2:18, 24).
3. Marriage helps prevent fornication and provides for orderly procreation (Mal. 2:15, Gen. 1 Cor. 7:1-2).
4. There is an inescapable hierarchy in marriage (1 Cor. 11:1-16, Eph. 5:22-33, Col. 3:18-21).
5. God hates divorce and only allows it under certain conditions (Mal. 2:16, Matt. 19:8, 1 Cor. 7:15).