

FOUNDATIONS OF A SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE

GOD'S DESIGN FOR MARRIAGE Genesis 2:18 – 24; Matthew 19:4 - 5

MARRIAGE IS DESIGNED BY GOD TO OPERATE ACCORDING TO THREE FUNDAMENTAL PRIORITIES.

- The divorce rate in 2nd marriages is 60%
- 3rd marriages have a divorce rate of 75%

- ❖ **LEAVE.** Genesis 2:24

- ❖ **CLEAVE.** Genesis 2:24; Malachi 2:15

- ❖ **WEAVE.** Genesis 2:24

- 84% of women feel they don't have intimacy in their marriages.

- A large majority of female divorcees say their married years were the loneliest of their lives.

Some unrealistic expectations

- Your spouse is responsible for your happiness. ...
- Your spouse will complete you. ...
- The person you married will never change. ...
- Your spouse's life should revolve around you. ...
- All of your time should be spent together. ...
- Your way is the right way.

Elements necessary for weaving two lives together.

- A Vow
- Time
- Hard Work
- Forgiveness
- Prayer
- Fun

1. Accept the fact that your marriage will never be perfect.

2. Realize that success in marriage is not so much finding the right mate, as it is in being the right mate.