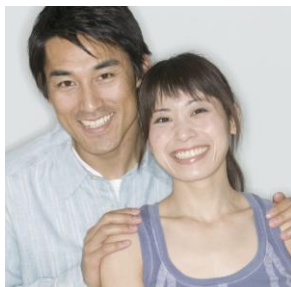


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What God Joins Together, Let Not Man Put Asunder



Many select the Spring months to be married; the month of June has traditionally been regarded as the ideal month for their weddings. The wedding itself and the events leading up to the ceremony are steeped in ancient traditions still evident in Victorian customs. June has been the most popular month, for it is named after Juno, Roman goddess of marriage – she would bring prosperity and happiness to all who wed in her month. History records a variety of reasons the Spring months were chosen for weddings. Rather than relying on history or civil laws to prepare for a marriage, let us search the Scriptures for God's instructions in preparing for marriage and its life permanency.

With the creation of man and woman, in the beginning, God instituted marriage as an exclusive and permanent union, a union He declared as acceptable and one that man must not break. In New Testament revelation, Jesus became a human and lived among people on the earth for the purpose of providing a plan of salvation for all who would "obey" Him. Let us never forget that Christ died for our sins, and that he would remember our sins no more as long as we are obedient to His Word. Because He had no sin, He was resurrected into heaven and is awaiting a homecoming of those who live faithful unto death.

Proverbs 18:22 reads, "He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the Lord." That follows through for a young lady as well. When a girl finds a husband she loves, it is a good thing. God ordained marriage between man and woman, therefore, a loving relationship in God's eyes is a *good thing*. When you date, consider the things God has handed down in choosing a lifetime partner. The good side of dating someone who is a Christian is that there is no misunderstanding about your character or what you expect in their character. Look always to Philippians 4:8 as an example of what God expects. Watch carefully for proven godly character – too many can put on a good "show." Honor God in every step of any relationship. Christian young people cannot accept all the standards of the world in this matter. In following scriptural guidelines, a person must heed God's word considering marriage – abstain from fornication and adhere to the advice of Paul in 1 Thessalonians 4:3-6, "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication; that every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; not in the lust of concupiscence [powerful feelings of physical desire] ... that no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified." Control your emotions so that you do not cause someone to stumble. Paul exhorts Christians at Corinth, "But take heed lest by any means this liberty of your's become a stumblingblock to them that are weak," 1 Corinthians 8:9.

"Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder," Matthew 19:4-6. There is a responsibility that must be honored by both men and women. Jesus says in Matthew 19:9, "And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery."

As we approach a time that is traditionally chosen for weddings, we must understand the necessity of making sure His rules are honored. Since God instituted marriage as an exclusive and permanent union, a union which he makes and man must not break, Jesus draws the inevitable deduction that to divorce one's partner and marry another, or to marry a divorced person, is to enter a forbidden, adulterous relationship. For the person who may have secured a divorce in the eyes of human law is still in the eyes of God married to his or her first partner. Your emotions, if not controlled, can cause another to fall into sin.

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things," Philippians 4:8.

Be pure in your dating and eventual marriage, following God's instructions for a long lasting relationship.

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The Book of Galatians

From which New Testament Book does the following quotation come?

1. Who is the author of the Book of Galatians

a. Paul	c. John
b. God	d. James
2. Who was the writer of the Book of Galatians?

a. Peter	c. Paul
b. Paul	d. James
3. In verse 1, Paul claims to be a - - -

a. apostle	c. witness
b. teacher	d. brother
4. By whom was Paul made an apostle?

a. Barnabas	c. Jesus Christ
b. Peter	d. Both God & Jesus
5. Jesus gave Himself for our sins that we might be delivered from what?

a. A devil's hell	c. destruction
b. This present evil age	d. eternal torment
6. Why did Paul marvel?
 - a. The Galatians were testing the things Paul taught
 - b. The Galatians were turning away to a different gospel
 - c. The Galatians were turning away from the new law and going back to the old.
 - d. The Galatians were steadfast and unmovable
7. In verse 7, Paul said some wanted to ---

a. Study the gospel	c. Kill Paul
b. Teach the lost	d. Pervert the gospel
8. We ought to believe and obey angels from heaven today even if what they tell us to do is different than what the Bible says,

True _____
False _____
9. Paul says that anyone preaching any other gospel should be ---.

a. heard	c. accursed
b. stoned to death	d. ignored
10. How did Paul say the gospel had come to him?
 - a. Taught to him by the other apostles
 - b. revealed in a dream
 - c. revelation of Jesus Christ
 - d. came to him in a vision
11. In 1:16, Paul says his mission was to preach the gospel to --- .

a. the whole world	
b. Jews that were scattered abroad	
c. the Jews of Jerusalem	
d. Gentiles	[Answers on Back Page]



"Now or Then?"

Paul says it just right. "God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:9-11). Jesus left heaven for us and endured torture and death. We owe Him everything!

There is another verse that sounds almost like the one Paul wrote. For it is written: "As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God" (Romans 14:11). Do you see any difference?

The first one says that everyone should bow and confess that Jesus is Lord. The second one says that everyone someday will do this. It's your choice.

Now or then! Dan Jenkins, Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ, Florida

Attention, Please!

God was angry with their careless, shoddy methods of worship. The animals they brought for sacrifice were not acceptable to Him because they were not the best of the herds and flocks. Instead, they offered stolen, lame and sick animals (Malachi 1:13).

While we may not be showing this degree of contempt toward God, sometimes we are too casual in our worship. A friend of mine made this observation about herself: "When I shop for simple things like soap or butter, I hardly think about it. But when I'm looking for a blouse to match a skirt, I shop very carefully. I go from store to store until I find exactly what I'm look for." Then she added thoughtfully, "I should pay that same attention when I am worshiping God. But sometimes I approach Him as casually as if I were shopping for a box of Kleenex."

During our worship assemblies, we may fail to give God our full attention. We rush in late. Our thoughts wander. We need to discipline our minds so that we are not focusing on yesterday's cares or tomorrow's responsibilities. When we worship the Lord with all our heart, He will be pleased with us. Dave Egner, via KneEmail: Mike Benson

The Stranger

A few years after I was born, my dad met a stranger who was new to our small town. From the beginning, Dad was fascinated with this enchanting newcomer and soon invited him to live with our family. The stranger was quickly accepted and was around from then on.

As I grew up, I never questioned his place in my family. In my young mind, he had a special niche. My parents were complementary instructors: Mum taught me good from evil, and Dad taught me to obey. But the stranger he was our storyteller. He would keep us spellbound for hours on end with adventures, mysteries, and comedies. If I wanted to know anything about politics, history or science, he always knew the answers about the past, understood the present and even seemed able to predict the future!

He took my family to the football and cricket games. He made me laugh, and he made me cry. The stranger never stopped talking, but Dad didn't seem to mind.

Sometimes, Mum would get up quietly while the rest of us were shushing each other to listen to what he had to say, and she would go to the kitchen for peace and quiet. (I wonder now if she ever prayed for the stranger to leave.)

Dad ruled our household with certain moral convictions, but the stranger never felt obligated to honour them. Profanity, for example, was not allowed in our home ... not from us, our friends or any visitors. Our long time visitor, however, got away with four-letter words that burned my ears and made my dad squirm and my mother blush.

My dad didn't permit the liberal use of alcohol. But the stranger encouraged us to try it on a regular basis. He made cigarettes look cool, cigars manly, and pipes distinguished. He talked freely (much too freely) about sex. His comments were sometimes blatant, sometimes suggestive, and generally embarrassing.

I now know that my early concepts about relationships were influenced strongly by the stranger. Time after time, he opposed the values of my parents, yet he was seldom rebuked ... and NEVER asked to leave.

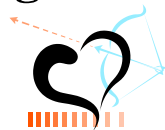
More than fifty years have passed since the stranger moved in with our family. He has blended right in and is not nearly as fascinating as he was at first. If you could walk into my parents' den today, you would still find him sitting over in his corner, waiting for someone to listen to him talk and watch him draw his pictures.

His name? We just called him, 'TV.' He's married now and we call her, 'Computer.'

(Anonymous)

"But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when ust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." James 1:14-15

Honoring Our Mothers



The beauty of a woman is not in the clothes she wears, the figure she carries, or the way she combs her hair.

The beauty of a woman must be seen from within her eyes,
because that is the doorway to her heart,
the place where love resides.

The beauty of a woman is not in a facial mole,
but true beauty in a woman is reflected in her soul.

It is the caring that she lovingly gives, the passion that she
shows, and the beauty of a woman with passing years only grows!

MOTHERS

Real Mothers don't eat quiche;
they don't have time to make it.

Real Mothers know that their kitchen utensils
are probably in the sandbox.

Real Mothers often have sticky floors,
filthy ovens and happy kids.

Real Mothers know that dried play dough
doesn't come out of carpets.

Real Mothers don't want to know what
the vacuum just sucked up....

Real Mothers sometimes ask 'Why me?'
and get their answer when a little
voice says, 'Because I love you best.'

Real Mothers know that a child's growth
is not measured by height or years or grade...
it is marked by the progression of Mommy to Mom to Mother.....

The Images of Mother

4 YEARS OF AGE - My Mommy can do anything!

8 YEARS OF AGE - My Mom knows a lot! A whole lot!

12 YEARS OF AGE - My Mother doesn't know everything!

14 YEARS OF AGE - My Mother? She wouldn't have a clue.

16 YEARS OF AGE - Mother? She's so five minutes ago.

18 YEARS OF AGE - That old woman? She's way out of date!

25 YEARS OF AGE - Well, she might know a little bit about it!

35 YEARS OF AGE - Before we decide, let's get Mom's opinion.

45 YEARS OF AGE - Wonder what Mom would have thought about it?

65 YEARS OF AGE - Wish I could talk it over with Mom.....



This is the day to stop, remember, and pray for that special person in our life, without whom we would not have been, what we are today; a day to prove that all her efforts, towards making us a complete person, have been worthwhile and make her feel proud for us.

– “My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother.” Proverbs 1:8

– “Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.” Proverbs 23:22

Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever. Unknown

God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers. Jewish Proverb

The Vocabulary Of A Mother

Dumbwaiter: One who asks if the children would care to order a dessert.

Feedback: The inevitable result when the baby doesn't appreciate the strained carrots.

Full Name: What you call your child when you're angry with him.

Grandparents: The people who think your children are wonderful even though they're sure you're not raising them right.

Independent: How we want our children to be for as long as they do everything we say.

Puddle: A small body of water that draws other small bodies wearing dry shoes into.

Show Off: A child who is more talented than yours.

Whodunit: None of the children who live in your house.

Nobody knows of the work it makes
to keep the home together.

Nobody knows of the steps it takes,
nobody knows-but Mother



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You Say:

You say: "It's impossible."
God says: "All things are possible."
Luke 18:27

You say: "I'm too tired."
God says: "I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28-30

You say: "Nobody really loves me."
God says: "I love you."
John 3:16 & John 3:34

You say: "I can't go on."
God says: "My grace is sufficient."
2 Corinthians 12:9 & Psalm 91:15

You say: "I can't figure things out."
God says: "I will direct your steps."
Proverbs 3:5-6

You say: "I can't do it."
God says: "You can do all things through Christ..."
Philippians 4:13

You say: "I'm not able."
God says: "I am able..."
2 Corinthians 9:8

You say: "It's not worth it."
God says: "It will be worth it."
Romans 8:28

You say: "I can't forgive myself."
God says: "I forgive you."
1 John 1:9 & Romans 8:1

You say: "I can't manage life."
God says: "I will supply all your needs."
Philippians 4:19

You say: "I'm afraid."
God says: "I have not given you a spirit of fear..."
2 Timothy 1:7

You say: "I'm always worried and frustrated."
God says: "Cast all your cares on Me..."
1 Peter 5:7

You say: "I'm not smart enough."
God says: "I will give you wisdom."
1 Corinthians 1:30

You say: "I feel all alone."
God says: "I will never leave you or forsake you."
Hebrews 13:5

Why Modest Apparel Matters —Or Does It?

It matters because God specifically addressed the attire of women in the New Testament. "In like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel...which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works" (1 Tim. 2:9-10). With emphasis on "chaste conduct accompanied by fear," the Lord instructs women, "Do not let your adornment be merely outward...rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God" (1 Pet. 3:2-4).

It matters because of the immense influence it has on others. Ladies, men are looking at you. Is your choice of attire influencing them to look at you to lust after you (Matt. 5:28)? If so, you are setting a stumbling block before them (Rom. 14:13, 21). Ladies, other ladies are watching you (including mothers, daughters, friends, sisters in Christ, etc.). Is your choice of attire influencing them to dress in the same fashion, without any restriction or awareness of their own influence (1 Tim. 4:12, "in purity")? If so, you are also setting a stumbling block before them (Rom. 14:13, 21).

It matters because it not only causes others to jeopardize their souls, but it jeopardizes your own soul. Disregarding the commands of God in regard to "modest apparel" is a sin. Closing your eyes to the warnings of God in regard to your influence is a sin. Ladies, I know this may not seem like a big deal to you. I know you may want to blame men. I know that our society lives by different standards. However, the Christian life is one of holiness in all things. Think about it.

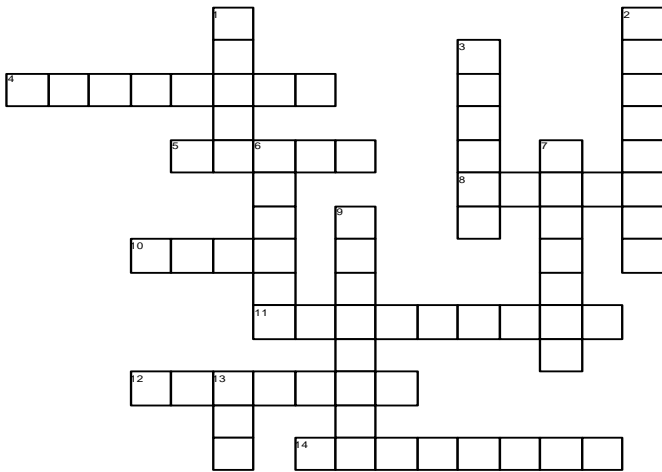
This article, in specifics, addresses the modesty of today's ladies. However, the Biblical principles have equal application to men as well. By David Sproule

Speaking Good Words

We know how good it makes us feel to receive kind expressions from people. Shouldn't we spread the same joy to others? We ought to take advantage of the many opportunities that are available to us. Colossians 4:5-6 reads, "Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man."

It doesn't cost anything to give compliments away. You don't have to be well known to effect others. Even complete strangers reap the benefit of receiving a good word from you. We hear so many bad words in our world. Let's start a campaign to balance what people hear. It all begins with a good word!

Love



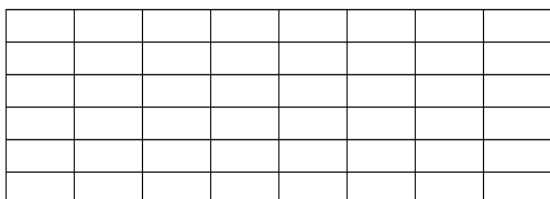
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Across

- 4 "From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the ____ of itself in love." Ephesians 4:16
- 5 "And shewing ____ unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments." Exodus 20:6
- 8 "For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love ____ one another." Galatians 5:13
- 10 "Owe no man any thing, but to ____ one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law." Romans 13:8
- 11 "That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their ____." Proverbs 8:21
- 12 "For this is the ____ that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another." 1 John 3:11
- 14 "By this we know that we love the ____ of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments." 1 John 5:2

God's Love – John 3:16

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Unscramble the tiles to reveal a message.

Down

- 1 "If ye keep my commandments, Ye shall ____ in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love." John 15:10
- 2 "And this I pray, for your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all ____." Philippians 1:9
- 3 "Who shall separate us from the love of ____?" Romans 8:35
- 6 "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and ____." Revelation 3:19
- 7 "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his ____, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" 1 John 4:20
- 9 "I will love thee, O Lord, my ____." Psalm 18:1
- 13 "Because he hath ____ his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name." Psalm 91:14

Homophones

- One word means simple; the other means an aircraft.
____ / _____
- One word means expected; the other word means condensed vapor.
____ / _____
- One word means nautical; the other is central to the body.
____ / _____
- One word means connections; the other is an animal.
____ / _____
- One word means an occasion; the other is a herb.
____ / _____
- One word means to hit; the other is a vegetable.
____ / _____
- One word means permitted; the other means audible.
____ / _____
- One word is a singer; the other is a sum of money.
____ / _____
- One word is an animal; the other is an undercover fighter.
____ / _____
- One word means kind; the other means searched for.
____ / _____
- One word means excluded; the other is a poet.
____ / _____
- One word is a day; the other is a sweet.
____ / _____
- One word means pursued; the other means pure.
____ / _____
- One word means a woolly South American animal; the other means a Buddhist monk in Tibet or Mongolia.
____ / _____

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WHERE IN THE BIBLE WILL I FIND . . .

THAT THE MODERN DANCE IS SINFUL?



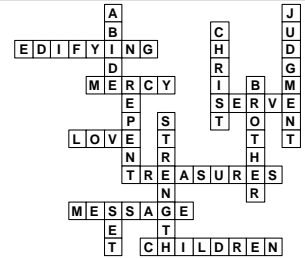
...The modern dance, where people of both sexes dance together, is a work of the flesh, and not of the Spirit. Paul catalogs the works of the flesh which include, "...revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God" (Galatians 5:19-21). Dancing is one species of revelling, a work of the flesh, and the doom is emphatically fixed that such "shall not inherit the kingdom of God." The modern dance is designed to arouse lascivious and lustful feelings that has a tendency to lead into more sinful acts. Christians are to walk in the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-26). There is nothing in dancing to elevate, ennoble, or purify the heart, or life of Christians. It has never led a child of God to be more spiritual-minded, or more devoted to Christ. No one can be brought nearer to God, to Christ, to holiness, or heaven, by it. Dancing is not in any sense connected with the will of God, nor does it in any sense belong to godliness. It never leads any one to love Christ more, to do any more service to God. It never gave to any one a clearer, purer, or a more virtuous life. It never led any Christian to be a more dedicated and faithful member of God's family, the church, the body of Christ, nor has it ever been any help to any child of God in denying the flesh with its affections and lusts. It never adds anything to a Christian's joy when he thinks of death, of the judgment, or of eternity. So there is no permanent good in it to any child of God on earth. No devoted child of God believes that dancing is in harmony with the will of God or that it is any credit to the Lord's church. No child of God can be on the dance floor by faith, and that which is not of faith is sin (Romans 14:23). Those who say they see no sin in dancing must remember that we do not follow Christ with our eyes for we "walk by faith and not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7).

. . . -Where In The Bible Will I Find..., I. D. Byars, Volume 1, pp. 98-99.

Bible Quiz: 1) God 1:3; 2) Paul 1:1; 3) apostle 1:1; 4) Both God and Jesus 1:1; 5) this present evil age 1:4; 6) The Galatians were turning away from Jesus to a different gospel 1:6; 7) pervert the gospel 1:7; 8) false 1:8,9; 9) accused 1:8,9; (10) revelation of Jesus Christ 1:12; 11) Gentiles 1:16.

Answers for Homophones: 1. plain/plane; 2. due/dew; 3. naval/navel; 4. links/lynx; 5. time/thyme; 6. beat/beet; 7. allowed/aloud; 8. tenor/tenner; 9. gorilla/guerrilla; 10. sort/sought; 11. barred/bard; 12. Sunday/sundae; 13. chased/chaste; 14. llama/lama.

"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."
John 17:17



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