

The Doctrine of Marriage *vis a vis* Obstacles to a Godly Marriage

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I. God's Institution of Marriage (Gen. 1 & 2)

G. The Marital Covenant: One Flesh. Sex, birth control, having children.

Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. Genesis 2:24

Genesis 1:27-28 (KJV)

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. ²⁸And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Genesis 38:9-10 (KJV)

And Onan knew that the seed should not be his; and it came to pass, when he went in unto his brother's wife, that he spilled it on the ground, lest that he should give seed to his brother. And the thing which he did displeased the LORD: wherefore he slew him also.

1 Corinthians 7:1-7 (KJV)

Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. ²Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. ³Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. ⁴The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. ⁵Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency. ⁶But I speak this by permission, and not of commandment. ⁷For I would that all men were even as I myself. But every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that.

Reason and family planning; the Roman Catholic method of birth control

Marriage cannot be separated from God's creating man and woman as distinct sexes and his command to have children thereby if God's Word and revelation is respected.

What's Onan's sin?

The essence and uniqueness of the marriage relationship is as God intended (see Gen. 1).

How is it honored; how is it broken (defrauded)?

What takes priority over this in a godly marriage?

Is he commanding them be married or permitting it?

What is Paul's gift he wished others possessed?