

## A Marital Relationship

“Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour.

For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up.

Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone?

And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken”, Ecclesiastes 4:9-12.

Socrates said; "there is no possession more valuable than a good and faithful friend". A Marital Relationship requires a COMMITMENT.

But it is God and His Word that sums it all up for us. “Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also”, Matthew 6:19-21.

God wants a commitment of trust from His Bride.

God, Genesis 1:3-25 created the necessities for life to inhabit the earth. Then, and only then did God created life to partake of those necessities After each of His Creative acts, God said, “...it was good”.

God’s commitment was to do the best He could for His earthly Servant. It was then that God created man in His Image, followed by a woman, created from a bone taken from the man.

Jesus chose twelve people to walk with Him, the ‘fathers’ of the bride. One wanted the money, not the title of the bride.

Yet in those minutes between instituting a Communion Meal and His arrest, the time when He most needed friends, Peter, Andrew, and John were asleep, and Judas - the money man - was approaching with a band of men to arrest Him.

God knew the need of Adam for someone to be with him. Not an acquaintance. Not someone to keep the house clean and cook the meals.

God created Eve to be part of a relationship with Adam. She had a part of Adam built into her. They would work together. They would have that 'husband/wife' relationship, whether working, talking, or just being in one another's company.

That is the relationship God wants us to have with His Son. Just working together. Just having that time of talking together. Or just knowing that we are in one another's company.

We are often too busy to spend time with other 'christians', even meeting with other Christians for a time of fellowship.

We are a 'fast food' society. We do not have the time to sit down with others, or even family members, to have a communion time at the table.

We do not like people becoming too friendly, in case they get to know us well enough and see who we really are.

It is not just those who hate us, and treat us arrogantly, we can always hide when we see them coming. It is those who we trust, and accept them as our companions.

How well the psalmist phrased it, "And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest", Psalms 55:6.

Friend. The higher the spiritual mountain you climb, the greater the relationship becomes between the Bride, and the waiting Groom.

### The Value

In a marital relationship the other party gets to know who you are, not who you want to look like.

In a marital relationship the other party grows to love you, warts and all!

Jesus, if you walk and talk with Him, will bring out the best in you.

To close, I quote Henry Ford, "my best friend is the one who brings out the best in me...."

We've been called to make a commitment to God through Jesus Christ, His Son.

We say, 'Jesus, I gave that thirsty dog some water'. 'Jesus, I helped that blind man across the road'. 'Jesus, I carried that old ladies bags for her'.

Jesus will say, "I died for YOU, that I could receive you as a bride". That was the commitment His Father gave to Him.