

## MARRIAGE

Heb. 13:4

### Introduction:

1. Marriage ordained of God — must not forbid it. (1 Tim. 4:3).
  - a. God made woman suitable for man. (Gen. 2:18).
  - b. God joined them together - man must not separate. (Matt. 19:5-6).
2. Marriage responsibilities should be taught by older to younger. (Tit. 2:4-5).
  - a. Should teach what God expects, not what men accept.
  - b. Should be more concerned with teaching it to our children than many other things.
3. Marriage is desirable and there are things to be desired in marriage:

### Discussion:

#### I. HONOR.

1. Marriage is honorable - generally speaking. (Heb. 13:4; 1 Cor. 7:1-2).
  - a. Catholics do wrong to forbid it. (1 Tim. 4:3).
  - b. Parents sometimes do wrong to forbid it. (1 Cor. 7:36).
2. Marriages sometimes dishonorable. (Mk. 6:17).
  - a. Adulterous multiple marriages. (Matt. 19:9; Matt. 5:32).
  - b. So called "open marriages".

#### II. COMMITMENT.

1. A life-long commitment. (Rom. 7:1-3).
2. A life time of all that goes with it.
  - a. Marry a non-Christian - prepare to live with it for life.
  - b. Marry an immoral man - prepare to live with it for life.
  - c. Marry a drinker - prepare to live with it for life.
  - d. Marry a slouch - prepare to live with it for life.

#### III. MATURITY.

1. Too many children getting married.
  - a. Not mature enough to leave and cleave.
  - b. Not mature enough accept responsibilities that go with privileges.
2. Too many divorces by children trying to play house.
3. Too many parents unwittingly encourage immature marriages.
  - a. By allowing children to get into adult situations.
  - b. By not guiding children from physical maturity until mental maturity.

#### IV. MUTUALITY.

1. Responsibilities of marriage are mutual.
  - a. Each has responsibilities to the other. (1 Cor. 7:3,4; 1 Pet. 3:5-7; Eph. 5:23).
  - b. Husband and wife equal before God.
2. Joys of marriage mutual.

#### V. SPIRITUALITY.

1. Ideally heirs together of grace of God. (1 Pet. 3:5-7).
2. Many reasons for marrying a Christian.