MARRIAGE

One of the institutions that God blessed at the very beginning before sin entered the world and which He also allowed Adam and Eve to bring out of the Garden of Eden was marriage. Today marriage is greatly attacked by Satan and this is seen in the divorce rate that is climbing every year. In this study we will discover the importance of marriage and keys to establishing a successful home.

1. **What is one of the signs of the times in the last days?**
   Bible Text – Matthew 24:38

2. **What did Adam have to do <u>before</u> God gave him Eve?**
   Bible Text – Genesis 2:15, 19-20

3. **What did Adam have to do to <u>receive</u> Eve?**
   Bible Text – Genesis 2:21-23

4. **How is a man and woman to be considered after marriage? From the previous question, how can this be achieved?**
   Bible Text – Genesis 2:24

5. **What is the role of the husband in the home?**
   Bible Text – Ephesians 5:23, 25-28

6. **What is the role of the wife in the home?**
   Bible Text – Proverbs 31:11-12, 14-20, 28; Ephesians 5:22-24, 33

COUNSELS FOR A SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE

7. **Who is to be the foundation of your home?**
   Bible Text – Psalms 127:1; Proverbs 3:6

8. **What must a husband and wife do together?**
   Bible Text – Matthew 26:41; James 5:16

9. **What kind of commitment does marriage require?**
   Bible Text – Exodus 20:17; Proverbs 4:23; Philippians 4:8

10. **What choice should all couples make?**
    Bible Text – Matthew 19:6, 9; Romans 7:2

11. **How is one to treat his/her spouse?**
    Bible Text – Romans 12:10; Proverbs 15:1; Ecclesiastes 9:9

Marriage is based on commitment and sacrifice. God has shown us through the Son that there is no love without commitment and sacrifice – John 3:16. These are the cornerstones for a successful marriage.

Through marriage we are to learn what it takes to love God. Sometimes the hardest person to love is your spouse. If we cannot learn to love our spouse with the love of God, we will not understand how to love God or more importantly how much He loves us. Are you willing to follow the counsel of the Bible for a successful and happy marriage?