

**Following the Blueprint For Marriage**  
**Genesis 2: 18-25**

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1. What is the riskiest thing that you will ever do?
2. There are three divine ordained agencies in our world: The home, government, and the church. The devil is out to destroy all three, but his primary target is the home.
3. Marriage is not the invention of man. It is God's creation. So our great need is to dust off the instruction book and find out what God has to say about His creation. The blueprint for marriage is found in the Bible. Please open your Bibles to **Genesis 2**.

**I. Reverence. "God said, It is not good for man to be alone." Gen. 2: 18**

- A When people ask, what was the last thing God created some will say man.
- B Notice that **Genesis 1: 31** says, "God saw all that He had made, and it was very good."
- C God knew Adam needed community and that it was not good for Adam to be alone.

**II. Companionship. "I will make a helper suitable for him." Gen. 2: 18**

- A God had a solution for the "aloneness" of man.
- B God created this helping relationship between Adam and Eve and for all who would follow in their footsteps.

**III. Intimacy. "No suitable helper was found." Gen. 2: 20**

- A The Bible says that God presents Eve to Adam and he said, "**This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh...**"
  1. (**Prov. 18: 22; 19: 14**)
- B God performs two miracles here.
- C God intended marriage to be a place where each person reaches full potential by becoming one.

**IV. Severance. "A man will leave his father and mother." Gen. 2: 24**

- A A man or a woman must leave their family of origin.
- B "Leave" means you will have no other relationship on earth above your mate.

**V. Permanence. "They will become one flesh." Gen. 2: 24**

- A "One flesh" means to glue something together so it doesn't come apart.
- B The Bible speaks of one flesh in the husband-wife relationship and no other.
  1. (**1 Cor. 6: 15; Matt. 19: 4; Eph. 5: 29-33**)

**VI. Transparency. "They were naked and felt no shame." Gen. 2: 25**

- A God wanted marriage to be where lives were totally laid bare before the other.
- B When sin came into the world men and women begin to fear openness.