

## I. What is the Basic Obligation of Marriage?

**Genesis 2:18-24** And the LORD God said, *It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.* <sup>19</sup> And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought *them* unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that *was* the name thereof. <sup>20</sup> And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. <sup>21</sup> And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; <sup>22</sup> And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. <sup>23</sup> And Adam said, *This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.* <sup>24</sup> Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

You did not enter marriage in order to get something for yourself. You vowed to give something to your partner.

Marriage is not a bargain in which each partner says, ‘I will give so much in return for so much.’

Each vows to give all that is necessary to meet his or her spouse’s need for companionship, whether or not he or she receives anything in return.

## II. Is One Inferior?

**Galatians 3:28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

**1 Cor. 11:3** But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

## III. Does Marriage Involve Adjustments?

**Romans 15:7** Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.

Keep forgiving the other person, just as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Keep on giving because it is the only way for your love to continue to blossom and glow.