

# Thriving Together



*The Fourfold Blessings of Marriage*

**Some Pharisees came and tried to trap [Jesus] with this question: “Should a man be allowed to divorce his wife for just any reason?”**

**“Haven’t you read the Scriptures?” Jesus replied. “They record that from the beginning ‘God made them male and female.’”**



**And he said, “This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.’ Since they are no longer two but one, let no one split apart what God has joined together.”**

**“I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.”  
(Jhn 10:10)**

**“I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!”  
(Jhn 15:11)**



**In marriage you can expect to experience  
four unique blessings as evidence of God's  
favor and guidance.**

***Wonder. Joy. Intimacy. Purpose.***

# Wonder

**Wonder is about finding joy and excitement in discovering new aspects of your partner, experiencing moments of surprise...**

# Wonder

**...it is marveling at the depth of your bond -  
how precious it is that God has given you the  
privilege to share the life of one of His jewels.**



# Wonder

**Wonder is a characteristic of a marriage that's consistent with God's design.**



# Joy

**Joy is the profound sense of contentment, and fulfillment that comes from just being in a relationship with your spouse.**

**Psa 16:11; Jhn 15:11, 16:24**

# Joy

**...is expressed through laughter, affection  
and a deep sense of connection.**



# Joy

**... is characteristic of a marriage that's consistent with God's design.**

# ***Intimacy***

**... in marriage refers to a deep, close, and meaningful connection between partners that involves open communication, vulnerability, trust, and mutual understanding.**



# Intimacy

**Sexual intimacy saved for and experienced in marriage creates a sacred space where couples can be their true selves and there is a profound sense of connection and fulfillment.**

# Intimacy

**... is characteristic of a marriage that's consistent with God's design.**



# **Purpose**

**Stabilize Society / Harness Synergy**

**Gen 1:27-28**

**Eph 5:31-32**

**Mth 28:19-20**

# Purpose

***“Picture marriage as a vehicle for mission, an opportunity for Christians to carry out our mission to make disciples of all nations.” (Chan)***

# reflections

***It is not God's will for you to be perpetually  
lonely.***

**1Cor 7:35**

**Ps 34:10, 84:11**



# reflections

***What makes for good marriages makes for  
good friendships.***

**Pro 27:17**

## reflections

***“Gladly let us take up the bond of brotherhood. If a brother seems to walk alone, sharpen his iron by godly communication. Walk together in mutual concern for each other’s infirmities, trials, and temptations.”***  
***(Bridges)***

# reflections

***It's not too late.***

***Gen 18:14, Job 42:2***

***Jer 32:27, Luk 1:37***

***Mat 19:6***



# reflections

***Stand firm.***

***1Co 16:13***

**Keep Striving for wonder, aiming for joy,  
improving intimacy, and pursuing purpose -  
that's the goal.**

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