



SYNERGY
BETTER TOGETHER

HIS DESIGN | SUNDAY, AUGUST 14 | WEEK 1

LESSON 1: THE SECRET OF MARRIAGE

*For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.
This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.
EPHESIANS 5:31-32*

INTRODUCTION: _____

MARRIAGE IS UNDER ATTACK:

- The divorce rate is nearly doubled since 1960.
- In 1970, 90% of all births were to married couples, but today less than 60% are.
- Over 72% of American adults were married in 1960, but less than 50% were in 2010.
- Today, more than half of all people live together before getting married.
- A Pew Research Center survey found that nearly 40% of Americans believe marriage is becoming obsolete.

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; EPHESIANS 5:25

A. The absence of _____

*Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be
equal with God:
But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the
form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:*
PHILIPPIANS 2:5-7

B. The acceptance of a _____

*For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his
death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:*
ROMANS 6:5
*Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious
promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine
nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world
through lust.* 2 PETER 1:4

C. The adaptation of a _____

*We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the
weak, and not to please ourselves.
Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to
edification.
For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written,
The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.*
ROMANS 15:1-3

C. _____

D. _____

CONCLUSION: _____

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2. JESUS GAVE A _____

A. The _____ pattern

B. The _____ pattern

3. SOME _____ HELPS

A. _____

B. _____