



The Family of God's Design

Building a family after God's design and purpose.



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- For all human beings on earth, and
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– In The Beginning - Adam & Eve

- Gen 1:27-28 *"So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.""* NKJV

– Starting Over - Noah & Family

- Gen 6:18 *"But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you."*

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For all of God's people as well

- Faith Allows Us To Become Children of God
 - John 1:12 " *But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.*"
- God Planned To Adopt Sons by Jesus Christ
 - Eph 1:5 " *having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,*"
- Therefore We Cry "Abba, Father"
 - Rom 8:15 " *For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."*"



Husband and Wife Are Foundation of Family

• A Man and Woman Join To Become One Family

- Gen 2:24 *"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh."*

• Who can find a prudent wife or a loving husband?

- The scriptures teach us God's design for husbands and wives.
- The choice we make to marry another affects the rest of our life and the life of any children we may have.
- We need to understand that this choice is the foundation we lay for a new family.

A Prudent Wife Is From The Lord

■ **Proverb 19:14** *"Houses and riches are an inheritance from fathers, But a prudent wife is from the Lord."*

■ **A Virtuous Wife is Worth more than Rubies**

– **Proverbs 31:10-31**

– She is Trustworthy, Hardworking, Caring, Smart, Chooses Wisely, Seeks Wisdom and Fears The Lord.

■ **A Virtuous Wife Is Respectful and Submissive**

– **1 Peter 3:1-6**

– **Ephesians 5:22-24,33**

A Loving Husband is From The Lord

✦ **Ruth 1:9** *"The Lord grant that you may find rest, each in the house of her husband." ..."*

✦ **A Loving Husband Puts His Wife Before Himself**

– Ephesians 5:25-28

✦ **A Loving Husband Understands & Honors His Wife**

– **1 Peter 3:7** *"Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered."*

✦ **A Loving Husband Won't Be Bitter Towards His Wife**

– **Colossians 3:19** *"Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them."*

Husband and Wife Are Foundation of Spiritual Family

The Church is the Bride of Christ

- 2Cor 11:2 *"For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ."*

We Submit to Jesus as Our Husband

- Eph 5:23,24 *"For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything."*

Jesus Cares For Us as His Bride

- Eph 5:25-27 *"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish."*