

A. Introduction

- Dangerous to teach from Scripture about family
 - Not everyone is experiencing family the way God intended
 - The radical redefinition of the family and its import has pervaded our cultural mindset for generations
 - Biblical teaching on family and our roles within it are unpopular
- Statements to make as we go forward
 - God is Love-Let us Love one another 1 John 4:7-8
 - Your family is your “little church of disciples”
 - You have the power of the resurrection given to you to shepherd your family well

B. One Man, One Woman, Lots of Babies Genesis 1 and 2

- Man is made in the image of God 1:26
- Gen. 1:27-Male and Female He created them
- Gen. 1:28-Be fruitful and multiply
- SUBDUE Creation
- Psalm 127:3-5 - Children are here as a blessing to be disciplined for the glory of God in the defeat of His enemies

C. Marriage as Worship Instead of Self-Indulgence Ephesians 5:22-33

- Marriage became an institution as a result of the spread of the Gospel
- So what is Marriage?
 1. God created the institution
 2. One man becoming one flesh with One woman for life
 3. Not an invention of mankind but God’s ordained purpose for a man and a woman-Genesis 2
- The marriage ceremony was originally thought of as a worship service to God-many times it has become a worship service to us
 - The importance of Vows

D. Paul explains further

- Wives v. 22-24
 - Submit-Obey
 - As the church submits to Christ
 - Your husband has an extremely important title and duty
- The husband is the head of the wife
 - Head-Kephale-ruler; authority; tip of the spear or boat
 - No room for excuses, passivity, blame shifting, or abdication of responsibility
- Husbands shepherd your wife 25-33
 - Love your wife as Christ loved the church
 - Sanctify/cleanse by the washing of the water of the Word
 - Love you wife as you own body
 - Leave mom and dad
- Love and respect
 - Poor headship and lack of respect-Repent