

The **MARITAL** AREA of LIFE

Introduction to the 7 Areas of Life

- A. Scripture speaks to how we should live in all areas of life.
- B. We have identified seven general areas of life.
- C. These seven areas are listed in diagram 150-A of the [Victorious Christian Living Manual](#).
- D. The 7 Areas of Life are:
 - 1. Spiritual-our relationship with God.
 - 2. Psychological-our relationship with mind, will and emotions.
 - 3. Physical-our relationship with our bodies.
 - 4. Financial-our relationship with money and work.
 - 5. Social-our relationship with other people.
 - 6. Marital-our relationship with our spouse.
 - 7. Parental-our relationship with our children.
- E. As part of our 7 Areas of Life Training, we will look at the godly model for each one of these specific areas.

I. Definition

A person's relationship to his/her spouse.

II. Importance

- A. A Marriage illustrates the relationship between Christ and us, the bride of Christ.
Ephesians 5:22-24
- B. God uses marriage to show us how selfish we are and how much we need Him to live with another person. A godly marriage allows two people to be complete as they serve God.
Ecclesiastes 4:9-10
- C. Marriage is the most common issue which causes people to come for counseling.

III. Godly Model

- A. A godly husband loves his wife. Colossians 3:19
 - 1. A godly husband loves his wife by laying down his life for his wife. Ephesians 5:25
 - 2. A godly husband models Christ and loves his wife even when she acts like his enemy.
Romans 5:8
 - 3. What happens to a man who does not love his wife by listening to her? 1 Peter 3:7

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- B. A godly husband leads his wife. Ephesians 5:23
1. He leads by being a servant. Mark 10:45
 2. He leads all the time but never forces her to follow. Mark 10:42-43
 3. What happens when a man does not lead his wife? Genesis 3:17
- C. A godly wife follows her husband's leadership. Ephesians 5:22
1. A godly wife brings honor to God by following her husband as she would follow Christ. Colossians 3:18
 2. Because a godly wife's trust is in the Lord, she follows and doesn't resist her husband's leadership. 1 Peter 2:23, 3:1
 3. What if a woman does not follow her husband? Titus 2:5
- D. A godly wife loves her husband. Titus 2:4
1. A godly wife loves her husband by respecting him. Ephesians 5:33
 2. A godly wife loves her husband as an act of obedience to God. Ephesians 5:24
 3. What happens if a woman does not love her husband? Proverbs 14:1

**THINKING OF YOUR SPOUSE AS MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOURSELF
MUST RULE YOUR MARRIAGE.**

Philippians 2:3