

God's Perfect Plan for Marriage
Life, Money, Hope
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- Theme: Marriage works 100% of the time when we do it GOD'S WAY.
 - Ephesians 5:21-33 NIV
- The current situation
 - ✓ People are losing CONFIDENCE and hope in marriage
 - ✓ A stable, HAPPY marriage is still attainable
 - ✓ God CREATED marriage and wrote down an instruction MANUAL
- Defined roles
 1. Roles make us attractive to our spouse and cause them to open their HEARTS to us. - 1 Peter 3:7, 1-6
 - ✓ Men need RESPECT
 - ✓ Women need SECURITY
 2. Roles release the POTENTIAL in our spouse
 - ✓ When a man nourishes and CHERISHES his wife
 - ✓ When a woman respectfully ENCOURAGES her husband
 3. Roles disable our sin nature and keep it from DESTROYING our marriage - Genesis 2:16-17, 3:6
 - ✓ A man's sin nature is in relational PASSIVITY
 - ✓ A woman's sin nature is in relational INDEPENDENCE
 4. Roles sensitize us to understand and MEET our spouse's needs
 - ✓ Men need to SACRIFICIALLY love to meet her need of security
 - ✓ Women need to RESPECT to meet his need of honor

Conclusion - Living out God's defined roles will bring attraction, intimacy/oneness and SATISFACTION to marriage.