

# Fighting For An Awesome Marriage



***AWESOME Relationships Series – Part 1***


**1 Corinthians 7:7; Hebrews 13:4**

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## **1 Corinthians 7:7**



**<sup>7</sup> We all are given different gifts. God gives the gift of marriage to some and to others he gives the gift of singleness (NLT)**

## Hebrews 13:4



**4 Marriage should be honored by everyone, and husband and wife should keep their marriage pure. (NCV)**



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# **1. The Connection of Men and Women.**



**1 Corinthians 11:11<sup>11</sup> As far as the Lord is concerned, men and women need each other.-- (CEV)**

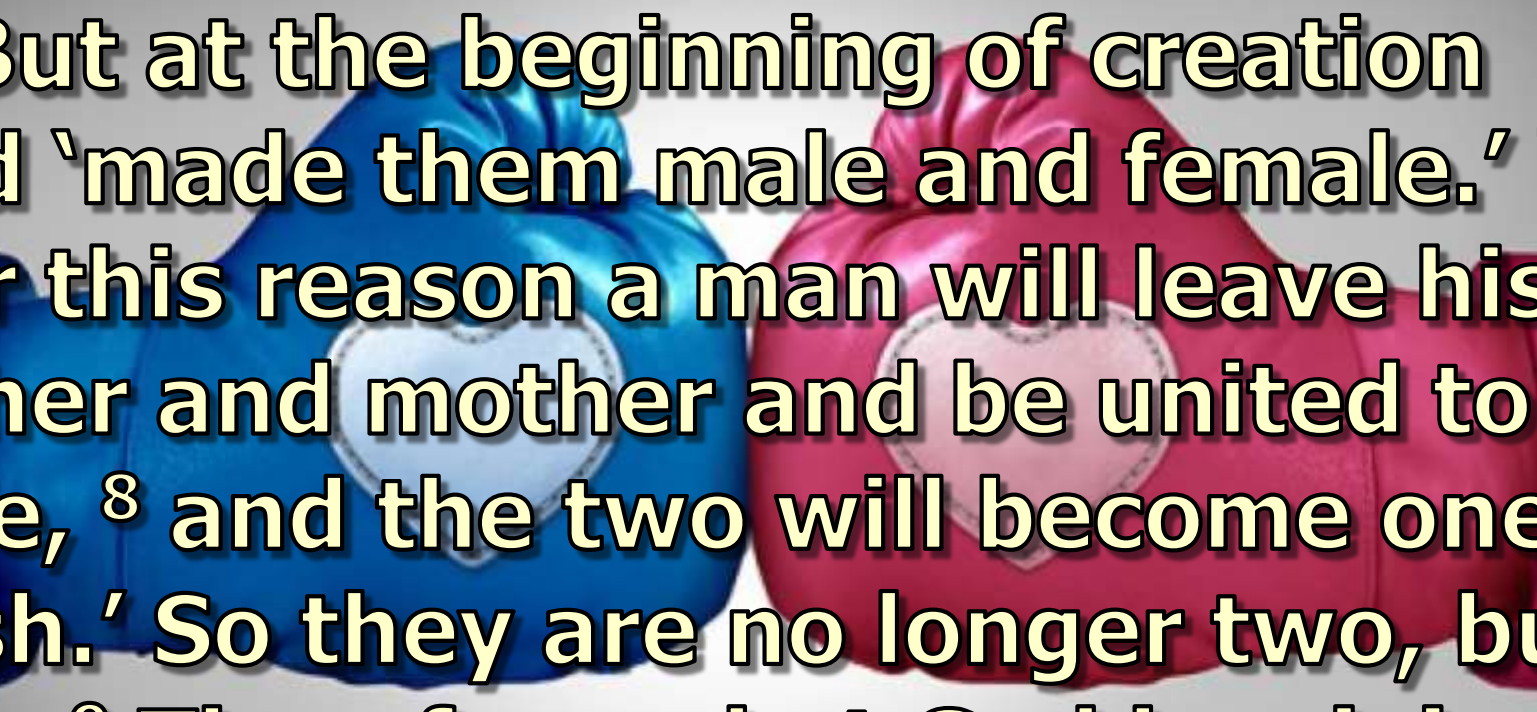
## Genesis 2:18



**18 Then the LORD God said,  
“It is not good for the man  
to live alone. I will make a  
suitable companion to help  
him.”-- (GNB)**



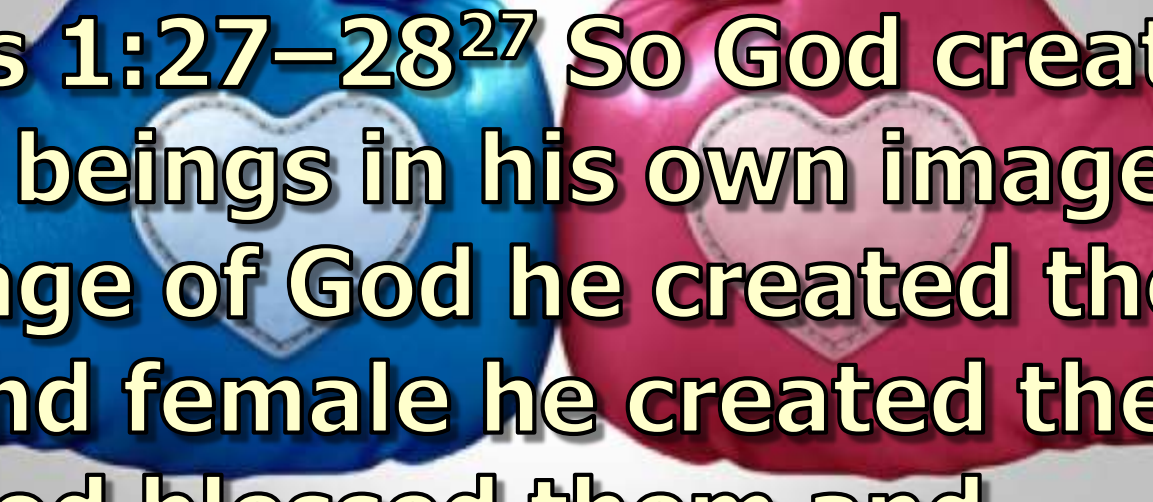
## Mark 10:6-9



<sup>6</sup> “But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup> ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, <sup>8</sup> and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one. <sup>9</sup> Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.”--  
(NIV)

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## **2. The Multiplication of the Human Race.**

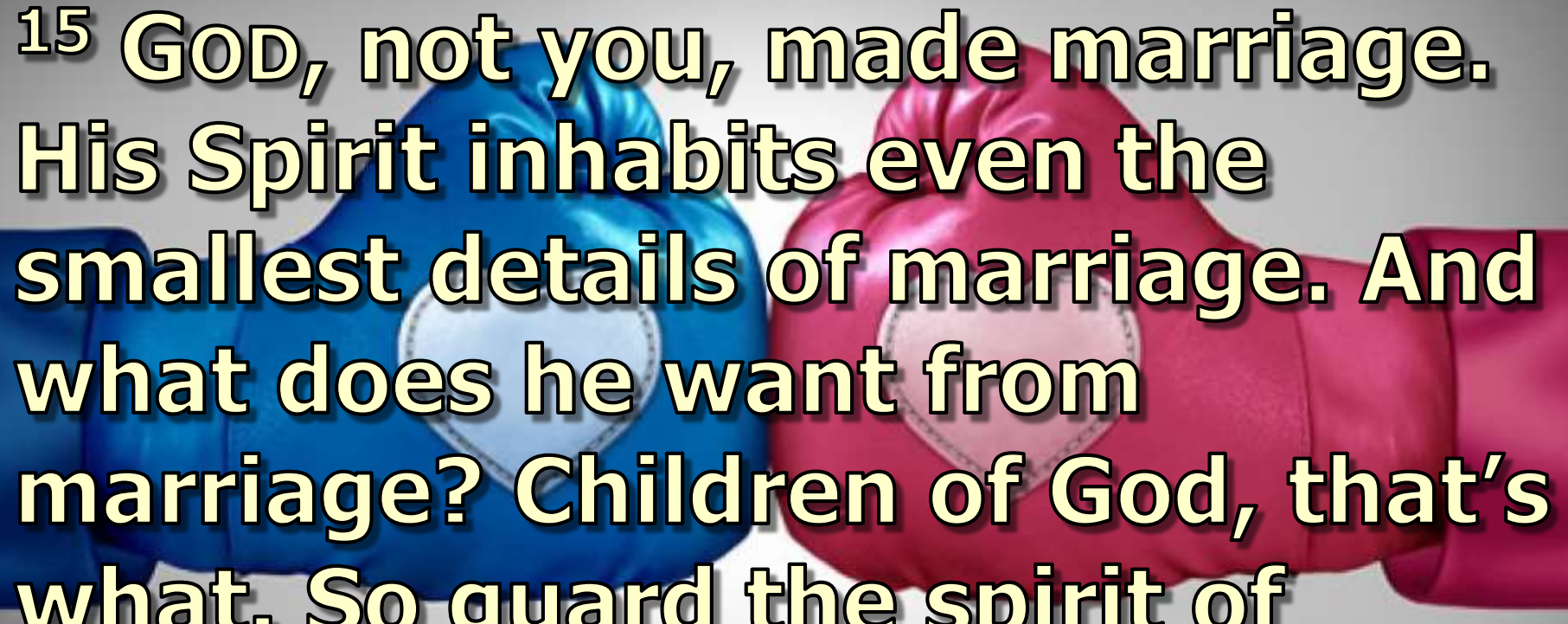


Genesis 1:27–28<sup>27</sup> So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.<sup>28</sup> Then God blessed them and commanded them, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the . . . .”-- (NLT)



## **Malachi 2:15**

**15 GOD, not you, made marriage. His Spirit inhabits even the smallest details of marriage. And what does he want from marriage? Children of God, that's what. So guard the spirit of marriage within you. Don't cheat on your spouse.-- (The Msg.)**



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### **3. The Protection of Children.**

Proverbs 14:26<sup>26</sup> Whoever fears the LORD has a secure fortress, and for their children it will be a refuge.--  
(NIV)

**A. Impact on Children.**

**B. Impact on Women.**

**C. Impact on Men.**



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# **4. The Perfection of Our Character.**



**Proverbs 18:1<sup>1</sup> It's selfish and stupid to think only of yourself . . . .-- (CEV)**



## Philippians 2:3



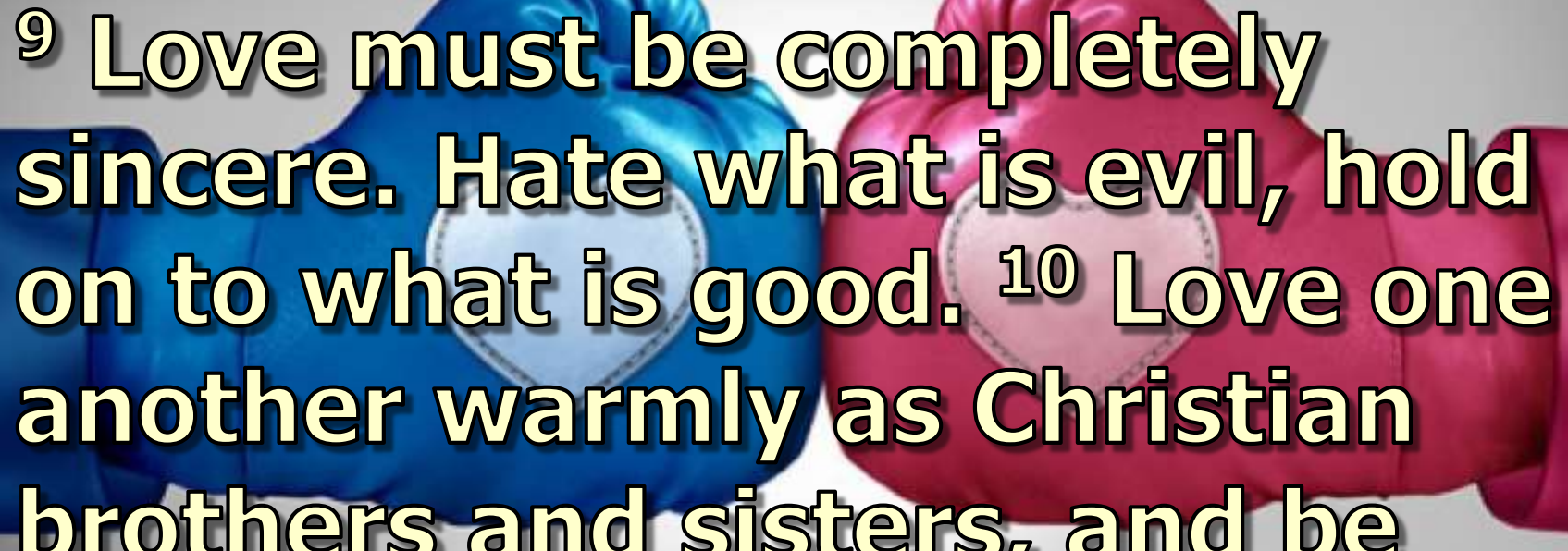
<sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.-- (NIV)

## James 3:16



**16 For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.-- (NIV)**

## **Romans 12:9–10**



**<sup>9</sup> Love must be completely sincere. Hate what is evil, hold on to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Love one another warmly as Christian brothers and sisters, and be eager to show respect for one another.-- (GNB)**



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**5. The Construction of Society.**



**Proverbs 14:34<sup>34</sup> Righteousness  
lifts up a nation, but sin is a  
disgrace in any society.-- (GW)**

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## **6. The Reflection of Our Union With Christ.**

Ephesians 5:25–33<sup>25</sup> For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her . . . .<sup>28</sup> In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man who loves his wife actually shows love for himself.<sup>29</sup> No one hates his own body but feeds and cares for it, just as Christ cares for the church.<sup>30</sup> And we are members of his body.<sup>31</sup> As the Scriptures say, "A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one."<sup>32</sup> This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one.<sup>33</sup> So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.-- (NLT)



# ***Fighting For An Awesome Marriage in the Four Seasons of Life***





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