

Adam's Rib: How God Arranged the First Marriage

TEXT: Genesis 2:18-25

MAIN POINT: _____ is _____ because God is _____, and _____ comes from God.

Genesis 2:18

18 *And the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."*

LETTER A: Here for the very _____ time, God found something that _____ good. In all of creation, only _____ was not good. It was not good for Adam to be _____.

LETTER B: The answer to the _____ every man feels is _____ woman—given by God—with _____ he can spend the rest of his days.

MARRIAGE TRUTH: The _____ is _____ than the _____ of the parts.

LETTER C: God's pattern was one _____ and one _____ — _____ for a lifetime.

Genesis 2:19-20

19 *Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name.*

20 *So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.*

As Adam names the animals, God is preparing him for marriage in three ways:

First, He is teaching Adam to be a _____.

Secondly, God was also training Adam to be a _____.

Thirdly, by naming the animals Adam is learning the _____ of his power.

Genesis 2:21-22

21 *And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.*

22 *Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.*

Genesis 2:23

23 *And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."*

Proverbs 5:18

18 *Rejoice in the wife of your youth.*

Proverbs 18:22

22 *He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the LORD.*

Proverbs 10:26

26 *Lazy people are a pain to their employer. They are like smoke in the eyes, or vinegar that sets the teeth on edge.*

Proverbs 11:22

22 *A woman who is beautiful but lacks discretion is like a gold ring in a pig's snout.*

Proverbs 15:17

17 *A bowl of soup with someone you love is better than steak with someone you hate.*

Proverbs 17:29

29 *Even fools are thought to be wise when they keep silent; when they keep their mouths shut, they seem intelligent.*

Proverbs 21:9

9 *It is better to live alone in the corner of an attic than with a contentious wife in a lovely home.*

Proverbs 21:19

19 *It is better to live alone in the desert than with a crabby, complaining wife.*

Proverbs 21:23

23 *If you keep your mouth shut, you will stay out of trouble.*

LETTER D: Marriage is all about _____ your life _____
with another person. You're made from the _____ stuff.

Genesis 2:24-25

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

25 *And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.*

LETTER E: In a good marriage the most _____ word is
“ _____,” not “ _____” or “ _____.”