

“Three Keys to a Great Marriage”
Genesis 2:18-25
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Introduction:

I. God created men to be _____.

1. God created men to serve and _____ Him.

2. God designed married men to be servant _____. 4 ways:
 - a) God made the woman _____ the man.
 - b) God made the woman _____ the man.
 - c) The man _____ the woman.
 - d) The man _____ the woman.

The only legitimate way for a man to be a servant leader in his home is for him first to be a _____ of God.

II. God designed wives to be equal experts with their husbands.

1. Women are equal in _____ to men. 3 ways:
 - a) both made of the same _____.
 - b) both made in the _____ of _____.
 - c) both are equal members of the _____ of _____.

2. Wives are made to be _____ .

Biblical word: “helper”. 4 important dimensions:

a) a helper is _____, on the same level as her husband (2:18)

b) helpers are _____ in the kind of help they bring

“...they carry their riches to Egypt, whose help is in vain and empty...”
(Is 30:7)

“I lift my eyes up to the hills. Where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.”
(Ps 121:1,2)

c) a helper is an _____ role

d) a helper is a different person who brings needed _____

III. Marriage is God’s institution to bring blessing to the world.

For the first 5 days of creation, God’s work was “good”. (Gen 1:3,10,12,18,21,25)

On the 6th day, after man was created but alone, it was _____ (2:18)

Only after the woman was created, and the two came into joyful fellowship, did God say,

it is _____ ! (1:31)

Conclusion: