

Solution to Study 0077

1. How do we ensure that the “*one man, one wife*” principle in marriage is attained and sustained? (**Romans 1:21-27; Psalm 119:9, 11; 2 Timothy 2:22; Matthew 19:8; Galatians 5:16-25**)

We must:

- **Be ready to honour, glorify, and serve the One True God.**
 - **Study and keep the word of God in our hearts.**
 - **Flee youthful lusts (ungodly desires associated with youthful exuberance, like fornication).**
 - **Deal decisively with the hardness of heart.**
 - **Crucify the flesh with its passions and desires.**
 - **Walk in the Spirit.**
2. How should couples achieve and maintain companionship with one and another? (**Amos 3:3; Acts 5:1-11; Genesis 5:22-24; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; 2 Corinthians 6:14-16**)
- **There should be agreement one with another and with God on all issues.**
 - **They should continuously walk with God and with one another.**
 - **They should share their ideas, fears, etc., with one another and yield to God’s word regarding them.**
 - **There must be sharing (fellowship), partnership (communion), harmony (concord), and common ground (agreement), between the man and his wife.**
3. In what ways can a wife complement her husband? (**1 Samuel 25:2-38; 2 Samuel 6:16, 20-23; Genesis 9:20-27; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12**)
- **By filling the void in his life (making up for his deficiency).**
 - **By covering his ‘nakedness’—don’t openly criticize your husband to his detriment/destruction.**
 - **Lift him up when he is down/feeling low.**
 - **Comfort him when needed.**
 - **By being a support without him making a request.**
 - **Do not compare your husband with another man—your father, your brother, your past lovers (for those who had them before marriage), your pastor, etc.**
4. How does a wife complete her husband? (**Proverbs 3:5-6; Psalm 37:3-6; Proverbs 31:23; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12**)
- **By getting married to the husband God has for her, because that is the man she was made to complete.**
 - **The wife brings out the best (not the worst) in her husband, and makes him stand out among his peers.**
 - **By being a reinforcement in the course of daily life, and in times of trouble, challenges, temptation, etc.**

5. How can we achieve oneness in marriage? (**Genesis 2:24; Ruth 1:14-18; 2 Kings 18:1-6; Matthew 18:19-20; John 17:21; 5:19-21; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; 1 Corinthians 6:15-18**)
- **Both Parties must ‘leave’ in order to ‘cleave’ to each other.**
 - **Both Parties must put away all external influences and hold fast to God’s standard for them.**
 - **There must be unity of purpose.**
 - **The prayer of agreement is only effective when there is unity of purpose.**
 - **All things should be made plain and open between both Parties, such that the wife’s actions will not take the husband unawares, and the husband’s actions will not take the wife unawares, because of the godly love which the husband has for the wife.**
 - **Bonding must take place—this is when one cannot do without the other.**
 - **By keeping the marriage bed undefiled (*Hebrews 13:4; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-7*). Say “No” to anal sex, oral sex, pornography, three-some sex, wife-swapping, homosexuality, bestiality, etc.**

CONCLUSION

Once we know the intention of God in marriage, we are best equipped to yield to the Holy Spirit and to submit to God’s word on how we ought to live (**Romans 12:2**).