

Rules of Engagement III - Questions

1. WHY (did we) Get Married? Gen 29:18

- *A radical concept that must be defined biblically to be enjoyed practically*
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2. What is the Goal of (our) Marriage? Eph 5:26-28

- *For the believer any objective short of this fails to model the gospel and is subject to mar the pattern of Christ and the Church.*
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3. How are we going to get there?

Phil 4:13/Prov 3:5/Ecc 4:9-12


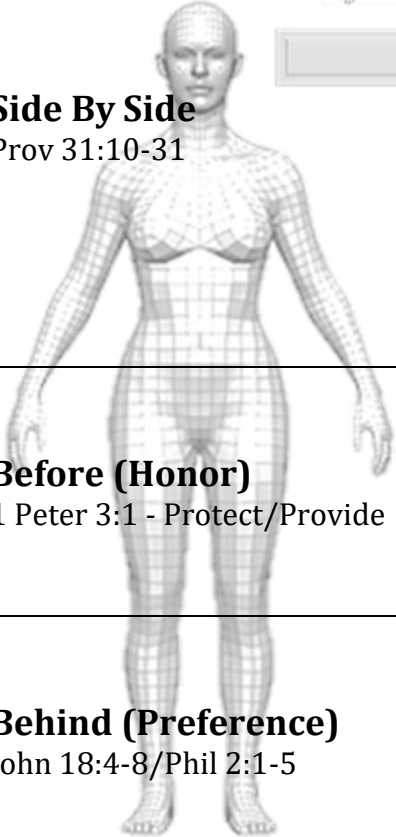
- *He is the third rail that gives life, direction, and success to the franchise.*
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4. THE COVENANT FRAMEWORK (Father/Son, King/Servant, Husband/Wife)

- **Agreement:** Gen 1:26-28; 2:16 (F/S)
- **Principles:** Gen 2:24-26 (leave/cleave)
- **Promises:** Eph 5:22, 25 (Vows/Pledges)
- **Consequences:** Gen 2:17/Ps 50:16/ Hosea 10:4/Mal 2:14-17/Rom 1:31

5. POSITION YOURSELVES FOR SUCCESS

There is a **5-fold position** of the relationship between the woman and the man designed in our narrative for biblical and Christ exalting marriages.

<p>Face To Face Gen 2:22/Prov 27:19/2 Cor 3:18</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Knowledge b. Understanding c. Communication d. Cooperation e. Commitment f. Honesty
<p>Side By Side Prov 31:10-31</p> 	<p>Describes the profound harmony of team work because of personal integrity and clearly defined roles in the Franchise: Gen 2:18/1 Cor 11:8-12</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Mutual collaboration</i> 2. <i>Working together</i> 3. <i>Corresponding in the task</i> <p><i>We are yoked.</i> <i>We are not independent contractors.</i></p>
<p>Before (Honor) 1 Peter 3:1 - Protect/Provide</p>	<p>A fullness type should be there (unless we have agreed that her role is prominent in position 2 for the sake of peace and stability).</p>
<p>Behind (Preference) John 18:4-8/Phil 2:1-5</p>	<p>Sacrifice / Giving Way</p>
<p>Above (Treasure): Her: Songs Ch. 1-2 Him: Songs Ch. 3-4</p>	<p>Affection / Delight / Satisfaction / Love</p>

This reality has to be built. It is not automatic. It is the hard work of intensive commitment to God and His glory. *The Song of Solomon is the result of two people having overcome massive adversity in their lives and determining to pour themselves into one another, recognizing that each is a gift from God to the other, to be enjoyed until they reach glory.*

POSITION YOURSELVES FOR SUCCESS

1. **THE BIBLE** (Knowledge) Hosea 4:6
2. **A REVELATION OF CHRIST** (Redemption) Eph 1:4-6
3. **A VISIBLE IMAGE OF THE CROSS** (Forgiveness) Eph 1:7/Ps 130:4

Knowledge / Redemption / Forgiveness

