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12 November 2023 at 6:08:46 pm
For most couples, it would probably be because they love each other (in contrast to being willing to commit to each other to unconditionally love each other for life).

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They are considerate of each other. They show respect. They have resolved conflicts. They have sacrificially served each other. They speak of each other when apart. And so on.

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12 November 2023 at 6:02:24 pm
An unmarried man and woman can be good, close friends, who 'love' each other, without sexualising their relationship. A brother and sister can also 'love' each other without having to commit incest. An aunt and nephew are in a similar situation.

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12 November 2023 at 5:56:51 pm
The author states that the Bible describes marriage as a 'covenant' rather than as a 'contract'. The main difference is that a covenant is a life-commitment where the parties entering into the covenant agree to love and serve each other unconditionally.

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12 November 2023 at 6:14:35 pm
Far from it. Conflict can be a sign that a married couple are becoming closer together because they are being more transparent with each other. It can also be the means for a couple understanding each other

STUDY 2 - MARRIAGE

“Marriage is just a social construct.”

#marriage #husband #wife #wedding #covenant #sacred #holy #consummation

1. Why do couples decide to get married?

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2. How can tell if a couple, intending to marry, love each other?

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3. Can two people of the opposite sex truly love each other without having to either sexualise their relationship, or, get married? Discuss.

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4. In the Introduction, the author states that the Bible does not describe marriage as a *contract*. Instead, how does the author state how the Bible *does* describe marriage agreement? And what is the difference between this and a *contract*?

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5. Is *conflict* within a marriage an indication that this marriage is in trouble and is not 'working'? Discuss.

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Matt. 19:5 and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'?
Matt. 19:6 So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

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12 November 2023 at 7:41:52 pm
It was Jesus who inspired the OT sexual prohibitions, and it was Jesus who reinforced these sexual boundaries in the NT. His apostles clearly understood this which is why the NT repeats the sexual ethics of the OT. Refer to 1Cor. 6:9, 18; Eph. 5:5; 1Tim. 1:10; Heb. 12:16; 13:4; Rev.

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12 November 2023 at 9:39:31 pm
1. Union 2. Intimacy and comfort
3. To sire children 4. To reflect Christ's relationship with the Church.

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Eph. 5:21 submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Wives and Husbands

Eph. 5:22 ¶ Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.
Eph. 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.
Eph. 5:24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.
Eph. 5:25 ¶ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,
Eph. 5:26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,
Eph. 5:27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.
Eph. 5:28 In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.
Eph. 5:29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church,
Eph. 5:30 because we are members of his body.
Eph. 5:31 "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."
Eph. 5:32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.
Eph. 5:33 However, let each one of you love his wife as himself,

6. On page 13 the author states, "God has designed sexual intimacy as a sacred union between a man and a woman who have covenanted with each other before GOD." Based on Christ's statements about marriage in Matthew 19:5-6, reinforcing the author's claim that sexual intimacy...is for those who have covenanted. How then would you respond to a Christian who asserted that the Bible was "out of date" when it came to how it defined sexual immorality?

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7. The Introduction lists at four purposes for sexual intimacy within marriage on pages 16-17. Summarise these four purposes:

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8. God gave Adam his wife to be his equal - his ezer (see pg. 18). Read Ephesians 5:21-33 and list the responsibilities of a husband and a wife in a a marriage:

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9. According to Malachi 2:14-15 what is one of God's main purposes for marriage?

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Amen.