

## COMMITMENT: A PATH TO SUCCESS

**Philippians 2:1-4**

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Bible passages about marriage don't tell the whole story about godly marriages.

### I. **The Bible calls for a significant commitment in marriage.**

- Jesus based his view of marriage on God's original plan.  
**Matthew 19:4-6**
  
- Even the disciples didn't understand or appreciate the value of a lifelong commitment.  
**Matthew 19:10**

### II. **Our commitment is not to lasting marriages, but to building joyful marriages that last.**

- Marriage is to be lifelong, it is hard work, and it deals with unpleasant and unexpected circumstances.  
**Ecclesiastes 9:9-12**

- Christian conduct in marriage is general Christian conduct applied to marriage.

**1 Corinthians 13:4-7; Ephesians 4:1-3; Colossians 3:12-14; Philippians 2:1-4**

- Elements specific to marriage are a part of the unselfish devotion to others that all Christians should seek.  
**Ephesians 5: 21, 22, 25**

*Christian principles of marriage will get no support from the world.*