

# *God - Healthy Marriages”*

## WHAT IS A “GOD-HEALTHY MARRIAGE?”

*A God-healthy marriage is a marriage that is lived out in accordance with the handbook authored by the creator of marriage. That handbook is better known as the Bible or the Word of God and is the ultimate and final authority on marriage.*

## WHAT MAKES THIS HANDBOOK (THE BIBLE) THE FINAL AUTHORITY ON MARRIAGE?

*We understand and accept the prevailing consensus that those who originate by means of creation, invention, or initiation, are acknowledged or recognized as the authority on what he/she has originated. Because God created, unveiled, and introduced marriage, He is the ultimate authority on the subject. In concert, His handbook, the bible, is the ultimate written authority on the subject.*

## WHAT ARE SOME KEY DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN A GOD-HEALTHY MARRIAGE AND A HEALTHY MARRIAGE?

*Obviously, the two major distinctions are the words “God” and “Bible”. Without either, there is no God-healthy marriage. Some specific God-healthy distinctions are expressed in:*

- 1. The purpose of marriage*
- 2. The prerequisites of marriage*
- 3. The role of the husband and wife in marriage*
- 4. The unique approach to problem-solving*

## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO HAVE A GOD-HEALTHY MARRIAGE VERSUS A HEALTHY MARRIAGE

*God-healthy marriages reveal the purpose of marriage as intended by the creator of marriage. It also allows those who choose to marry to participate in a unique and rewarding relationship second to none. A God-healthy marriage is God’s identifying mark on earth that clearly depicts His love for His Church! Anything less is man-centered and futile.*

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