

# Marriages that Work

## His Needs in the Practice of Marriage

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### Message Truth:

As Christians, we need to follow God's design for our marriages. God is sovereign over all of the universe. He should be sovereign, therefore, in our homes, also. Do you and your spouse live and relate to one another in ways that would please God? Do you understand God's role for you in your family? Our hearts and homes should reflect His will. Marriages which operate according to God's purposes will bring joy, fulfillment, peace and contentment to you. Children raised in genuine Christian homes will increasingly experience an advantage in society and in their personal relationships over their counterparts who are reared in dysfunctional families, which according to the census are on the increase. Today we will explore his needs in the practice of marriage.

## The Practice of Marriage

### The 5 Basic Needs of a Man

● He needs r\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Respect his j\_\_\_\_\_.

2. Respect his a\_\_\_\_\_.

3. Show respect in your c\_\_\_\_\_.

● He needs s\_\_\_\_\_ f\_\_\_\_\_.

● He needs d\_\_\_\_\_ s\_\_\_\_\_.

● He needs an a\_\_\_\_\_ w\_\_\_\_\_.

● He needs r\_\_\_\_\_ c\_\_\_\_\_.

### A 2007 Study of Cohabitation in America

1. Relationships are unstable in cohabitation. One in six cohabiting couples stay together for three years; only one in ten survive five or more years.
2. Cohabiting women end up with the responsibilities of marriage (particularly when it comes to caring for children) without the legal protection. Cohabiting women contribute more than 70 % the couples income.
3. Cohabiting men are four times more likely to be unfaithful than husbands.
4. Those who share a home but never marry have 78% less wealth than those who are continuously married.
5. Children of cohabitation suffer the most. The poverty rate among children of cohabiting couples is five times greater than the rate among children in married-couple households. Adolescent children of cohabiting parents are six times more likely to exhibit emotional and behavioral problems and 122 percent more likely to be expelled from school.