

IMAGGODEI

MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

THE MYSTERY OF MARRIAGE

Ephesians 5

HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHO TO MARRY?

“No person really decides before they grow up who they’re going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you’re stuck with.”

Kirsten, age 10

HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHO TO MARRY?

“You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, but she should keep the chips and dips coming.”

Alan, age 10

HOW DO PEOPLE IN LOVE BEHAVE?

"When a person gets kissed for the first time, they fall down and they don't get up for at least an hour."

WHEN TO FALL IN LOVE

**"I'm not rushing into being in love.
I'm finding 4th grade hard enough."**

HOW TO FALL IN LOVE

"It isn't always just how you look. Look at me. I'm handsome like anything and I haven't got anybody to marry me."

HOW TO TALK TO YOU WIFE?

“Tell your wife that she looks pretty even if she looks like a truck.”

Ricky, age 10

THOUGHTS ON LOVE

"Don't say you love somebody, and then change your mind."

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**the MISSION
of MARRIAGE**

to POPULATE the
WORLD

to PROVIDE
COMPANIONSHIP

“Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up. Furthermore, if two lie down together they keep warm, but how can one be warm alone? And if one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three strands is not quickly torn apart.”

ECCLESIASTES 4:9-12

to PICTURE CHRIST

to the WORLD

“For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall...”

EPHESIANS 2:14

“There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.”

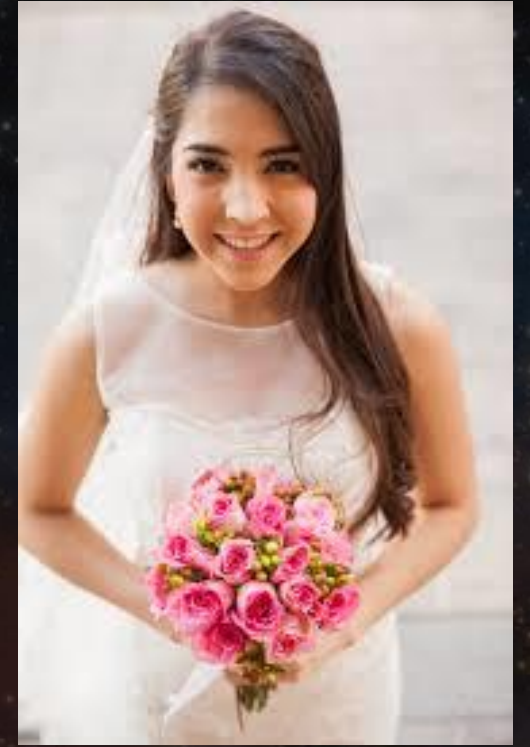
EPHESIANS 4:4-6

“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.”

EPHESIANS 5:31-32

“Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready.”

REVELATION 19:7



“When elephants fight, the grass is always the one that suffers.”



SWAHILI SAYING

**“What upsets me most about my parents’
divorce is the hurt you get deep down.”**

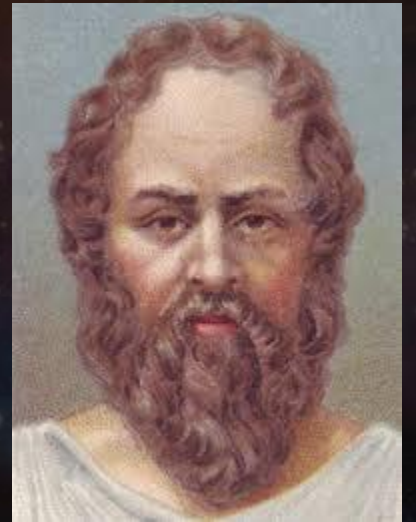
CANDACE, age 8

to PICTURE CHRIST

to the WORLD

to MAKE us
CHRISTLIKE

**“By all means marry.
If you get a good wife, you’ll become happy.
If you get a bad one, you’ll become a philosopher.”**



SOCRATES

My Soul Mate,
My Valentine



When I am with you, I am home...
For home is the place where the best
memories are made... where I can be
"me" and know I am loved. Your love
has allowed me to see the best parts
of myself because there is a constancy
I have come to rely on. Thank you for
our special times together and for
making all my dreams come true. You
are my perfect match. I love you!

Happy Valentine's Day

**HAPPINESS
OR
HOLINESS?**