

Genesis 2:18-25

☐ Monday - A Good Wife.

Genesis 2:18

Concerning Creation, seven times in Genesis 1 we read “and God saw that it was good” (v.4,10,12,18,21,25,31). Yet, in the very next chapter, Scripture records, “Then the Lord God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone’” (Gen. 2:18). Left unaddressed, man’s solitude would have been a blemish in an otherwise perfect world. And so, God declared, “I will make a helper suitable for him” (Gen. 2:18). But God did not send a group of drinking buddies to cure Adam’s loneliness, or a hunting pal, or a bunch of old duffers to go golfing. God made Adam a wife to remedy his loneliness. “He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the Lord” (Prov. 18:22). Read Proverbs 19:14

☐ Tuesday - He Needs Help!

Genesis 2:20

“My husband needs help!” shrieks the disgruntled wife. No doubt he does, and that is why God made the wife his “helper” (Gen. 2:20). According to The American Heritage Dictionary, a “helper” is one who gives assistance; aids; contributes to the furtherance of; promotes; gives relief to; eases; changes for the better; and improves. Wives, try that job description on for size! Read Proverbs 31:10-31

☐ Wednesday - Coheirs in Christ.

Genesis 2:21-22

“So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh at that place. And the Lord God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man” (Gen. 2:21-22). Woman was taken out of man, not from his head to rule over him, nor from his foot to be trod upon, but out of his side to be his equal, and near his heart to be cherished (Matthew Henry). Husband and wife are coequal (Gal. 3:28), coheirs of the grace of life (1 Pet. 3:7). Read 1 Peter 3:1-12

☐ Thursday - The Glory of Man.

Genesis 2:22-23

“And the Lord God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man. And the man said, ‘This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man’” (Gen. 2:22-23). The Hebrew word for “man” is ish, and for “woman” ishshah. As Adam awakened from his deep sleep, squinting to focus his eyes, he noticed a figure approaching. “Ish?” he mumbled. But as the figure drew near, his eyes now as big as saucers, and his heart pounding out of his chest, he gasped, “Aaaah!”; and so the Hebrew word for woman was formed – Ish...aaaaaaah! (always followed by an exclamation point), for “woman is the glory of man” (1 Cor. 11:7). I’m joking, of course; nevertheless, husbands, “rejoice in the wife of your youth!” (Prov. 5:18). Read Proverbs 12:4a

☐ Friday - The “L” in Marriage.

Genesis 2:23

“And the man said, ‘This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man’” (Gen. 2:23). The letter “L” makes all the difference in a marriage: husband and wife were made to complete, not compete, with each other. A man and his bride are interconnecting pieces of a puzzle; without the other, each is incomplete. Marriage is not a battle of the sexes, but the realization of man and woman’s full potential. Read Ephesians 5:28-33

☐ Saturday - Leave and Cleave.

Genesis 2:23

“For this cause a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they shall become one flesh” (Gen. 2:23-24). The word “cleave” is the Hebrew dabaq, which, elsewhere in Scripture, is translated as: “deeply attracted”, “hold fast”, “join together”, “pursue closely”, “stay close”, “stuck.”. A Christian husband is not stuck with his wife, he is stuck on her! Read Ephesians 5:25