



MARRIAGE*defined*

How we define something will eventually determine how we respond to it.

Marriage is a Biblical institution created and installed by God. The Bible is careful to define attributes of marriage including love, principles of covenant relationship, and duties of a husband or wife, but the definition of marriage is less specific in scripture. The definition for marriage is largely influenced by a person's viewpoint and expectation. Before two people commit themselves to sacred vows, they should define their viewpoint about marriage and what they expect from it.

Marriage *in a single word*

Generally, there is at least one word or expression that symbolizes a person's core belief about marriage. Find your single word mantra and share it with your future spouse and explain to them why the word and what it represents is so important to you.

1. **What is your Marriage definition?**
express your viewpoint and expectation for Marriage
2. **Identify one word that symbolizes marriage for you.**
express why the word is important to your viewpoint of Marriage
3. **What is the opposing word to your single word expression about Marriage?**
what opposing word threatens your ideal of Marriage
4. **What influences or models have informed your opinion about marriage?**
(answer)
5. **What reasons do you believe are valid for ending a marriage relationship?**
(answer)
6. **What is the difference between a marriage covenant and a civil union?**
(answer)