



***How Can Anyone Stay  
Married So Long?***

**Gen 2:24** “cleave” (NAS77, KJV, ASV)

**Commitment**

**Mt 19:3-6 - Divine inter. = No divorce!**

***Other party...?* 1Co 7:12-15**

**Gen 2:18** “not good for man to be alone”

## Companionship

“helper suitable” = “woman” vv22-23

- NOT an “it” ...
- “Companion” ... NOT mother **Pro 21:19; 27:15**
- NOT simply cook, clean ...

*Men... Women...*

**Pro 24:30-34** *Like a garden...* **WORK** on it!

**Eph 5:25-29** “H., LOVE your w., just as...”

**Caring Love**

**Pro 31:10-12** “An excellent wife...she  
does him **GOOD** and **NOT EVIL ...**”

**Eph 5:22-24...33** “W., be subj. to your own h., as to ... respects her husb.”

## **Respect**

**1Pt 3:7** “show her honor as ...”

**SS 2:3-6** “my beloved...In his shade [apple tree-**v1**] I took great delight”

**Affectionate Love**

**SS 2:10-14; 3:7-15; 5:10-16**

***Delight in your mate & be delighted  
in your mate***

# Pro 5:15-19 Intimate love

**Note v20 ... 1Co 7:5**

**Pro 4:14-15** “the way of evil ... Avoid it, do not pass by it; turn away from it and pass on”

## **Avoid**

- danger. circum. with other m/w **Pro 5:8; 7:7-8**
- lust for other m/w (porn) **Pro 4:25; Job 31:1; Mt 5:28**
- companions that lead astray **Pro 12:26; 13:20**
- “counsel” that decep. & dest. **2Sam 13:3-5; Pro 12:5**

**Mt 7:24** “hears these words of Mine...a wise man who built his house on the rock”

**God's Word**

**Ps 119:97-100...105**

**Ps 119:24**

