

Marriage is a ministry designed by God, to represent Christ's love for the church. This means there will be ups and downs, and there will even be times you may want to walk away. Nevertheless, your unconditional love for this person will help you love their imperfections.

Marriage is not about looks and sex, and anyone who enters marriage for this cause is doomed for failure. Marriage is not about keeping up with anyone because you may be chasing misery. In a way, (and some may not agree.) Marriage is not about being in love. Yes, you are to love your mate, but just because two people are in love does not always mean they should be married.

I think the biggest issue with marriage is that some enter marriage thinking it's all about them, which leaves little room for satisfaction, because marriage is all about God and He alone deserves the glory. So, when one doesn't get what they expect, they tend to blame their spouse when the issue is God has been left out of the marriage which causes division. With this division Satan sneaks in often disguised as, lack of communication, bitterness, anger and the most common killer of marriage, adultery.

According to the American Heritage Dictionary Adultery is: **Voluntary** sexual intercourse between a married person and a partner other than the lawful spouse. Within the definition there is one word that sticks out and that word is voluntary. This implies that the marriage partner whether male or female volunteers to break the vow and create a covenant with someone other than their marriage partner. A covenant is giving an external form to an already existing relationship. Since this is the meaning of covenant this means that the person the marriage partner decides to break the vow with already has a relationship or some form of lust with the unlawful spouse. Think about it, the two married spouses have come together in covenant, they solidify the relationship in the external form of a marriage license. The marriage license does not start the relationship, the relationship has already existed. This is the same with adultery, when a person breaks their vow and establishes a physical relationship with someone else they are forming a covenant with that person. But instead of the marriage license to give the external form of the relationship, the relationship is shown in the form of lust.