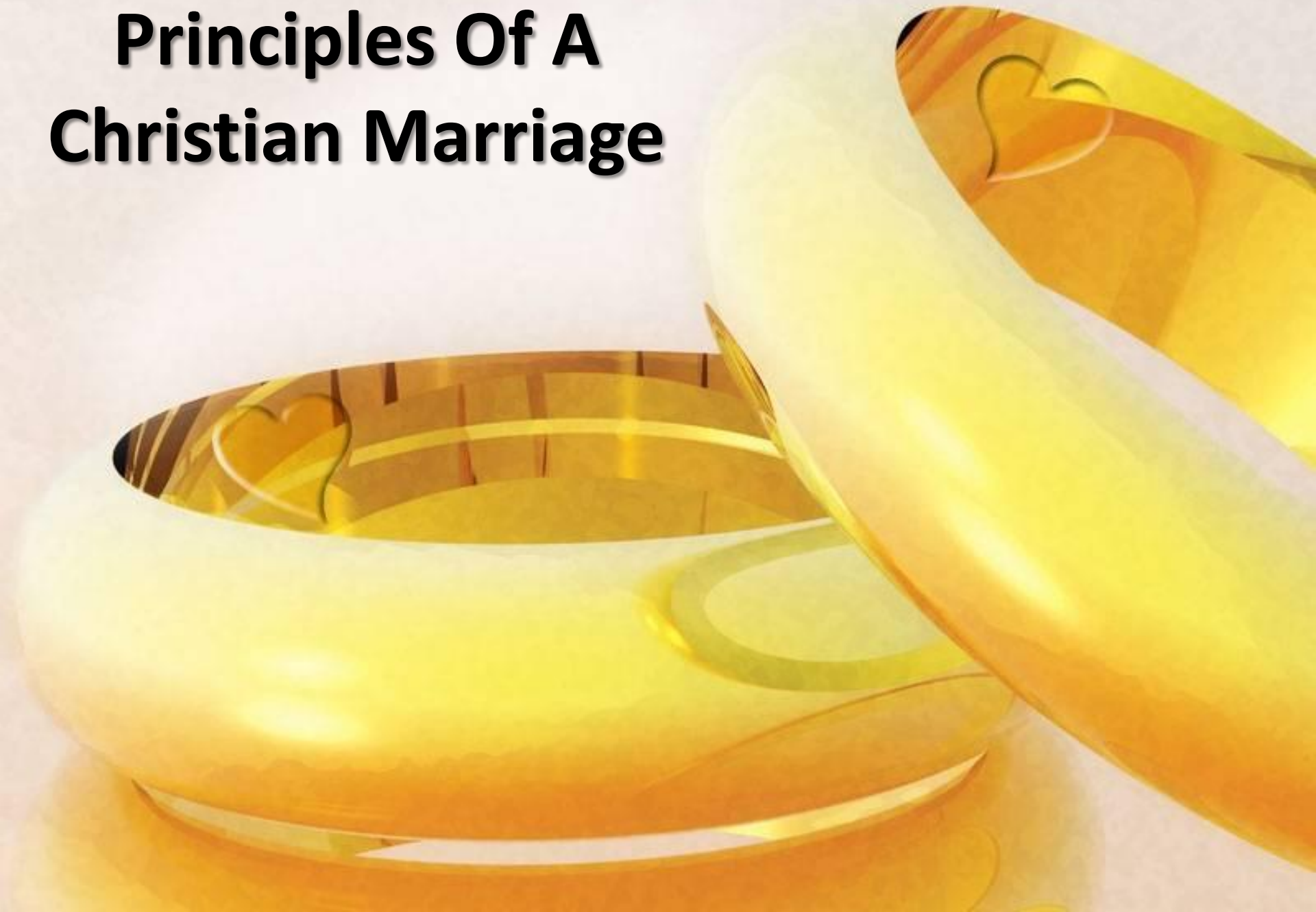


# **Principles Of A Christian Marriage**



# Why Are Marriages In Trouble?

- God hates divorce yet divorce is common  
**Malachi 2:16; Matthew 19; Romans 7**
- Couples fight and fuss and argue yet the Bible condemns such  
**Colossians 4:6; Ephesians 4:29**
- Homes are in chaos  
**Proverbs 3:33**



# The Challenge To Marriage Today

- Lack of training at home
- Selfishness / Covetousness
- Immorality
- Ease of divorce
- No commitment
- Societal acceptance

***FAILURE TO APPLY THE  
TEACHING OF THE LORD***



**Unless the LORD builds the house,  
they labor in vain who build it; unless  
the LORD guards the city, the  
watchman stays awake in vain. It is  
vain for you to rise up early, to sit up  
late, to eat the bread of sorrows; for  
so He gives His beloved sleep.**

**Behold, children are a heritage from  
the LORD, the fruit of the womb is a  
reward. Like arrows in the hand of a  
warrior, so are the children of one's  
youth. Happy is the man who has his  
quiver full of them; they shall not be  
ashamed, but shall speak with their  
enemies in the gate. (Psalms 127:1-5)**

***A Song of Ascents. Of Solomon.***



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The marriage of a Christian is different

- *Serve God first* **Matthew 6:33**
- *Follow His will first* **Psalms 143:10-11**
- *Seek His wisdom first* **Psalms 9:10**
- *Obey God's will* **Colossians 3:16-21**

The marriage of a Christian is an example

- *As salt* **Matthew 5:13**
- *As light* **Matthew 5:14-16**
- *As conduct* **1 Peter 2:11-12**



# The Christian Marriage Is Governed By The Law of Christ

- Devotion

*Galatians 2:20*

- Love

*1 Corinthians 13*

- Commitment

*2 Timothy 1:12*

- Hope

*Romans 5:1*

- Forgiveness

*Colossians 3:12-13*

- Kindness

*Galatians 5:22-23*

- Understanding

*1 Peter 3:7*

- Humility

*Philippians 2:1-5*



# **Our marriages need to stand behind the CROSS OF JESUS CHRIST**

