

# Q&A

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- 1. What is the real time (age) of marriage according to the Bible? (Mt 24:19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!)
- a. Marriage is one of those things that destroy the love of GOD in the heart of man according to" Genesis 3:17."
- b. Hebrews 13:4 " Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled..." But... ?

# Is it Time for Marriage

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# Marriage is honourable in all...

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Hebrews 13:4 " Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled..."

Ge 1:22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

Exodus 19:10 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to day and to morrow, and let them wash their clothes, 11 And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai. 15 And he said unto the people, Be ready against the third day: come not at your wives.

# The law for the unclean

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Le 15:2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When any man hath a running issue out of his flesh, *because of his issue he is unclean*.

Le 15:16 And if any man's seed of copulation go out from him, then he shall wash all his flesh in water, and be unclean until the even.

Le 15:18 The woman also with whom man shall lie [with] seed of copulation, they shall [both] bathe [themselves] in water, and be unclean until the even.

De 23:10 If there be among you any man, that is not clean by reason of uncleanness that chanceth him by night, then shall he go abroad out of the camp, he shall not come within the camp: 11 But it shall be, when evening cometh on, he shall wash *himself* with water: and when the sun is down, he shall come into the camp *again*.

# Is it Sin ?

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Ps 51:5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

1 Corinthians 7: 5 Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.

# The iniquity of my mother

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Le 12:2 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a woman have conceived seed, and born a man child: then she shall be unclean seven days; according to the days of the separation for her infirmity shall she be unclean.

# Conditions for happy marriage

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- **Maturity for marriage**
- **Trust God and parents**
- **Not based on passion**

Isaac was highly honored by God in being made inheritor of the promises through which the world was to be blessed; yet when he was forty years of age he submitted to his father's judgment in appointing his experienced, God-fearing servant to choose a wife for him. And the result of that marriage, as presented in the Scriptures, is a tender and beautiful picture of domestic happiness {CC 58.2}

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If there is any subject which should be carefully considered and in which the counsel of older and more experienced persons should be sought, it is the subject of marriage; if ever the Bible was needed as a counselor, if ever divine guidance should be sought in prayer, it is before taking a step that binds persons together for life.<sup>44</sup> {CC 58.5}

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- **Victory with Self**
- **Overcome:**
  - **Proud**
  - **Unbending will**

There is a disposition with many to be impetuous, headstrong, willful. They have not heeded the unerring counsel of the Word of God. They have not battled with self, and obtained precious victories. Their proud, unbending will has driven them from the path of duty and obedience to wander about in the wilderness of disappointment. {18MR 303.3}

# Sustain themselves financially

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The ability of the partners in a marriage to sustain themselves financially also was presented by Ellen White as a requisite for a successful marriage. She pointed out that there are those “who have not acquired property” and do “not possess physical strength, or mental energy, to acquire property” “who have been in haste to marry, and who have taken upon themselves responsibilities of which they had no just sense.” But it is the children who often are the greatest sufferers, for “those who are seriously deficient in business tact, and who are the least qualified to get along in the world, generally fill their houses with children” which, she declares, may not be “suitably fed or clothed, and do not receive physical or mental training” (Selected Messages 2:420, 421). {2SM 482.6}