

INTIMATE PARTNERS

IF GOD LOVES US AND WANTS TO <u>PROTECT US</u> FROM HARMING OURSELVES OR OTHERS, IT MIGHT BE <u>USEFUL</u> TO SEE <u>WHAT GOD SAYS</u> ABOUT THIS SUBJECT IN THE BIBLE.

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Intimate partners can be defined in or current society as sex and/or live-in partners. In those relationships there can be physical violence, sexual violence, stalking, or psychological aggression.

STUDY QUESTIONS

- 1. Match the verse with the statement. (The way a partnership begins)
 - ____ Deuteronomy 22:25-27
 - ____ Deuteronomy 24:1
 - ____ Matthew 19:9
 - ____ Proverbs 10:6
 - ____1 Corinthians 7:8
 - ____1 Corinthians 7:9

- a. A couple's passions may not be under control.
 - b. A couple may be driven by selfishness.
 - c. An sexual event may have happened.
 - d. Abuse & misconduct is allowed & hidden.
 - e. People in relationships are flawed people.
 - f. It might be better to avoid a relationship.
- 2. How is a marriage between a man & woman described? (Hebrews 13:4)
- 3. When a man & woman marry, what do they become? (Genesis 2:24)
- 4. What kind of behavior is the man not to have? (1 Timothy 3:2)
- 5. What kind of behavior might the woman have? (Proverbs 21:19)
- 6. What should the man & woman do for each other?
 - a. 1 Cor. 7:3-4
 - b. 1 Cor. 7:10-11
- What should the man do? (1 Peter 3:7) _____
- 8. What should the woman do? (1 Peter 3:1) ____
- 9. How is a man described who divorces his wife? (Malachi 2:16) ____
- 10. According to Luke 16:18 & God's design, is marrying & staying with the first marriage partner considered Plan ____A or ____B?