

# “How to Wreck Your Marriage”

## The Supremacy of Christ Series

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### Four ways to wreck a marriage:

#### 1. Make it all about you and your happiness.

God’s solution: Understanding marriage is about Christ and His purposes.

(Colossians 1:17; Romans 8:28-29)

“When we begin to orient our marriages around biblical truth, we see something amazing. Marriage was not just *invented* by God, it *belongs* to God. He has a unique claim over its design, purpose, and goals. It actually exists for him *more* than it exists for you and me and our spouses. That’s right. Marriage is not first about me or my spouse. Obviously, the man and woman are essential, but they are also secondary. God is the most important person in a marriage. Marriage is for our good, but it is first for God’s glory.”

Dave Harvey, *When Sinners Say “I Do”*, Shepherd Press, Wapwallopen, PA, 2007, p. 25.

#### 2. Look to your spouse to fulfill you and complete you.

God’s solution: Finding your completeness in Christ.

(Colossians 2:9-10; 3:4)

**3. Allow the wife to rule over her husband.**

God's solution: Wives submitting to their husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.  
(Colossians 3:18)

“True spiritual submission is the secret of growth and fulfillment. When a Christian woman is submitted to the Lord and to her own husband, she experiences a release and fulfillment that she can have in no other way.”

Warren Wiersbe, *Be Complete*, David C. Cook, Colorado Springs, CO, 1981, p. 140.

**4. Allow husbands to use their authority for personal gain.**

God's solution: Husbands sacrificially and unconditionally loving their wives.  
(Colossians 3:19)

“The measure of a man's love for his wife is not seen only in gifts or words, but in acts of sacrifice and concern for her happiness and welfare.”

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**Summary:**

“This mutual love and submission creates an atmosphere of growth in the home that enables both the husband and wife to become all that God wants them to be.”

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