

## A Marriage Minute

A simple help to make your marriage just a little better this week.



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isn't, what others say it is or what they think it should be, it's really a good time for us to consider seriously what our marriage is all about. After all, what's the purpose? Is there one, or is it just, you know, "whatever?" Does God have something to say about the subject?

Actually, God has much to say about the purpose for marriage, but I think we can sum it up in 3 basic points:

1. To produce godly children (Malachi 2:15)
2. To defeat the powers of Satan in the earth (Genesis 1:28)
3. To demonstrate what it is to have a relationship with God (Revelation 19:9)

How are we doing fulfilling God's purpose for marriage? Maybe this is a good time to sit down together to develop a "mission statement" for our marriage based on the three points listed. What will our mission be in 2010? How will we fulfill it? Then write it down, pray it through, and start working on it together. Oh, your happiness? That's not a purpose; it's a result of a godly marriage. Mission impossible? You bet! That's why we need God who makes the impossible possible.

**Question to ask each Other:** How have we done at each of the three purposes God intended for marriage? How can we work together this year to improve at each point and fulfill our "mission?"

**Prayer For The Both of Us:** Lord give us the humility and gentleness to make sober assessment of our marriage and the ability to do better this year to fulfill the mission you intended for our holy marriage.

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