

TOPIC: MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

GOD'S PURPOSE	Companionship (Gen. 2: 18)
GOD'S INTENTION	Leave, cleave and become one flesh (Gen 2: 24)
GOD'S DESIRE	Naked before each other; complete openness (Gen; 2: 25)
GOD'S GIFT	Sex, children (Gen 1: 28)
THE ROOT CAUSES OF PROBLEMS IN MARRIAGE & FAMILY	1. Misunderstanding of the purpose of marriage
	2. Parental interference
	3. Lack of proper training and adequate preparation in the home
	4. Failure to follow God's designed principle in His word
	5. Incompatibility
	6. Age difference
	7. Failure to protect the privacy of marriage
	8. Lack of openness
	9. Wrong motivations
	10. Educational differences
	11. Socio-economic difference

IMPACT	1. Broken homes
	2. Divorce
	3. Separation
	4. Children going astray
	5. Lack of proper support
	6. Lack of proper care
	7. Teen- age pregnancy
	8. High rate of illiteracy
	9. In security, injustice, disunity in the country
THE WAY FORWARD	1. The church should be sensitive to speak out on these issues
	2. The church should go back to the ministry of teaching
	3. The church should acknowledge and foster the covenant promises of God concerning marriage and issue of life
	4. The church must unite and be in one accord, making sure that biblical principles are not compromised
	5. The church should work with communities and national leaders in promoting Christian values of marriage and family
	6. The church should remain on the solid foundation, which is the Word of God.
	7. The church should keep reminding its members of Psalms 121 that was established by our forefathers as a nation