

**TOPIC: MARRIAGE AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT**

<b>GOD'S PURPOSE</b>	Companionship (Gen. 2: 18)
<b>GOD'S INTENTION</b>	Leave, cleave and become one flesh (Gen 2: 24)
<b>GOD'S DESIRE</b>	Naked before each other; complete openness (Gen; 2: 25)
<b>GOD'S GIFT</b>	Sex, children (Gen 1: 28)

<b>THE ROOT CAUSES of UNDERDEVELOPMENT OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT</b>	1. Misunderstanding
	2. Not accepting responsibility
	3. Not working through problems
	4. Excessive busyness ( no time for the family)
	5. Imposition rather than suggestion
	6. Friendship choices;
	7. Having children before getting married
	8. Drinking / eating convictions
	9. Problem with in-laws
	10. Lack of submission
	11. Lack of trust and honesty
	12. Lack of communication
	13. Sexual issues
	14. Single parenting
	15. Rejection
	16. Unfaithfulness, infidelity

	17. Family income;
	18. Neglecting others emotions
	19. Control, power
	20. Lack of love and acceptance
	21. Insecurity

<b>UNDERDEVELOPMENT OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT - CONSEQUENCES AT THE INDIVIDUAL LEVEL</b>	1. Prostitution
	2. Mixed feelings / mistrust
	3. Disappointment / suicide
	4. Suffering/abortion
	5. Heart attack / death
	6. Low self-esteem
	7. Seeks outside protection
	8. Lost focus on spouse, wandering mind
	9. Stress
	10. Loss of integrity

<b>UNDERDEVELOPMENT OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT - CONSEQUENCES AT THE FAMILY LEVEL</b>	1. Divisions/quarrels
	2. Setbacks
	3. Disturbance of public peace
	4. High criminal offenses
	5. No unity / disagreement, disrespect
	6. No development, discouragement
	7. Infringement on others' rights
	8. Low human resources
	9. Hatred
	10. Unwanted pregnancy

<b>UNDERDEVELOPMENT OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT - CONSEQUENCES AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL</b>	1. Divisions / quarrels
	2. Setbacks
	3. Disturbance of public peace
	4. High criminal offenses

<b>UNDERDEVELOPMENT OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT - CONSEQUENCES AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL</b>	1. High rate of divorce cases
	2. Violation of national rule and regulations
	3. High rate of prostitution
	4. High rate of polygamy
	5. Early pregnancy

**NATIONAL IDENTITY AND UNITY: THE WAY FORWARD**

<b>UNDERDEVELOPMENT OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT - WAY FORWARD AT THE INDIVIDUAL LEVEL</b>	1. Believe that God has a plan and purpose for your life
	2. Create interest about learning family life
	3. Discuss your plans and activities clearly
	4. Consult and acknowledge financial responsibilities
	5. Communicate your sexual needs
	6. Talk and listen with concern about each other's feelings
	7. Commit to total truthfulness
	8. Don't be in haste to get marry

<b>UNDERDEVELOPMENT OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT – WAY FORWARD AT THE FAMILY LEVEL</b>	1. Communicate your sexual needs
	2. Have regular home teachings on family life and marriage
	3. Reassure your love to members of your family every day
	4. Provide a peaceful home atmosphere
	5. Avoid hasty marriage
	6. Agree together that divorce is not an option
	7. Do not invite third party in your family challenges
	8. Communicate your feelings earnestly and lovingly

<b>UNDERDEVELOPMENT OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT – WAY FORWARD AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL</b>	1. Have capacity building seminars on marriage and family life
	2. Commit to working through problems and not walking away
	3. Regular and systematic teaching on marriage and family
	4. Agree to understand and reason for each other's action
	5. Organize community workshops
	6. Teach against homosexuality
	7. Stop divorce of family when problem beset

<b>UNDERDEVELOPMENT OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT – WAY FORWARD AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL</b>	1. Churches should teach and preach against homosexuality
	2. Organize workshops on good governance for street children
	3. Regular and systematic teaching on marriage and family
	4. Protect basic human rights
	5. Help build the capacity of good family living within the communities
	6. Provide employment, education, regulations
	7. Evaluate and monitor communities on living good family life