

**The feminist revolution** has resulted in record numbers of women either choosing to remain single and pursue careers, or divorce in favor of the single life. Though the impact of this movement can be seen across all races, the statistics in the black community are much more compelling.

## A Growing Phenomenon

Hollywood played no small part in this phenomenon. Before the 1990's, sitcoms like "Roc," "Family Ties," and the "Cosby Show" featured traditional two-parent families and depicted women in loving marriages that provided them with security, stability, and companionship. But beginning in 1992 with "Martin" followed by "Living Single" in 1993, married couples were replaced by young, co-habiting singles. These new shows glamorized the single life and conveyed the message that single, career-oriented black women led freer, happier, and more fulfilled lives than their married counterparts.

Unfortunately, the reality was quite different.

## A Destructive Pattern

**Divorced women** were not aware of the economic impact of the single life, and

often found themselves solely responsible for a myriad of expenses such as food, clothing, rent or mortgage payments, child and healthcare expenses, car expenses, and other costs. The present economic crisis and high unemployment have exacerbated the situation. Many fathers are now unable to pay child support.

**For the unmarried**, the single life often means empty relationships fraught with psychological and emotional trauma. These relationships usually end in heartbreak and loneliness, leaving many women bitter, resentful, and disillusioned. Moreover, many single women engage in unprotected sex, often resulting in unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases like AIDS.

Feminism gives women greater freedom, but it ultimately destroys happiness and fulfillment.

## A Biblical Solution

Happiness and fulfillment can only come through a marriage that glorifies God. And He will not bless a marriage wherein the wife usurps the authority of her husband, because it represents the destruction of order. **Marriage is an image of the Godhead:**

"But I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the

woman is man, and the head of Christ is God" (1 Corinthians 11:3).

As the Godhead represents order, so should the marriage. Even though Jesus is equal to the Father in power and glory, He yields to the Father's authority. **Had He not obeyed the Father in giving His life for us, we would still be in our sins and hopelessly lost.**

The Bible says, "*Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior*" (Ephesians 5:22-23).

**Marriage is also a picture of the church:** "*Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything*" (Ephesians 5:24).

Therefore, as the church is subject to Christ, so must the wife be subject to her husband.

Conversely, the husband must love his wife and give himself totally to her, even being willing to die for her, as Christ died for us.

"*Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her*" (Ephesians 5:25).

**This is not slavery, but love and mutual respect. This is God's blueprint for marriage.**

Hollywood sold us a lie, and we bought it. The single life only brings physical and

emotional trauma, loneliness, and financial misery. **God gave us marriage as the means to achieve happiness, stability, and physical and emotional fulfillment. Let us marry and do it God's way.**



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To have a blessed marriage we must acknowledge that we are sinners and that we are separated from God. But God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on a cross to pay the penalty for our sins.

Those who believe/trust in Him have the gift of everlasting life. The Bible says,

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