MARRIAGE
Heb. 13:4

Introduction:
1. Marriage ordained of God — must not forbid it. (1 Tim. 4:3).
   a. God made woman suitable for man. (Gen. 2:18).
   b. God joined them together - man must not separate. (Matt. 19:5-6).
2. Marriage responsibilities should be taught by older to younger. (Tit. 2:4-5).
   a. Should teach what God expects, not what men accept.
   b. Should be more concerned with teaching it to our children than many other things.
3. Marriage is desirable and there are things to be desired in marriage:

Discussion:
I. HONOR.
1. Marriage is honorable - generally speaking. (Heb. 13:4; 1 Cor. 7:1-2).
   a. Catholics do wrong to forbid it. (1 Tim. 4:3).
   b. Parents sometimes do wrong to forbid it. (1 Cor. 7:36).
   b. So called “open marriages”.

II. COMMITMENT.
1. A life-long commitment. (Rom. 7:1-3).
2. A lifetime of all that goes with it.
   a. Marry a non-Christian - prepare to live with it for life.
   b. Marry an immoral man - prepare to live with it for life.
   c. Marry a drinker - prepare to live with it for life.
   d. Marry a slouch - prepare to live with it for life.

III. MATURITY.
1. Too many children getting married.
   a. Not mature enough to leave and cleave.
   b. Not mature enough accept responsibilities that go with privileges.
2. Too many divorces by children trying to play house.
3. Too many parents unwittingly encourage immature marriages.
   a. By allowing children to get into adult situations.
   b. By not guiding children from physical maturity until mental maturity.

IV. MUTUALITY.
1. Responsibilities of marriage are mutual.
   a. Each has responsibilities to the other. (1 Cor. 7:3,4; 1 Pet. 3:5-7; Eph. 5:23).
   b. Husband and wife equal before God.
2. Joys of marriage mutual.

V. SPIRITUALITY.
1. Ideally heirs together of grace of God. (1 Pet. 3:5-7).
2. Many reason for marrying a Christian.