

Partner

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At the creation, God said that it was not good for the man to be alone, He would create a helper, suitable for him (Genesis 2:18) Solomon wrote that “two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work.” (Ecclesiastes 4:9) Husband and wife are meant to work *together* to meet the challenges of life. Yes, marriage is a *covenant*, not a *partnership* - husbands and wives make a life-long commitment to work together *for life*. But, as *partners*, they are associated with one another - *especially in action*. Life is not stagnant, it is constantly moving and changing. Husbands and wives are to work together as *partners* in all that comes at them in life.

If marriage is not a partnership, then how do we work together as partners? Paul wrote in Galatians 3:28, that all are equal before God - the Biblical idea of helper is not one of servitude, but of partnership - working together! The family and household are the husband’s responsibility and the wife works with him to accomplish all that God wants for them and their family. A *better return for their work*; we accomplish much more when we work together instead of working against each other. Amos 3:3 tells us that we are not going to walk together - to work together, unless we agree. We must make the decision to work *with* our spouse in life’s daily challenges.

Are you working with your spouse to meet the challenges in life? In your finances? Raising the children? Taking care of the home? Work-life balance? Maintaining your walk with the Lord? The external challenges you face? Do you consciously make the decision to work with your spouse? It is too easy to grow apart in today’s fast paced world; we must consider our spouse as our partner in life - the one we will work with in every area of life; growing together and working through the problems we *will* face - *together...*

Helpful Resources: *Fortified Marriages Resource page: www.fortifiedmarriages.com*

Articles to check out: *God’s Marriage Partnership Plan* by Erin Hawley

What is Christian Marriage? A companionship of partners by William Higgins