



### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR ENGAGED OR MARRIED COUPLES

Bible Reading is an experience in which readers listen to God's Word spoken to them in intimate dialogue. Engaged and married couples should make a determined effort to read especially those Bible passages relating to marriage, to hear what God is saying to you this moment. When read as a couple, these passages can guide your relationship toward the Christian vision of true fulfillment in marriage. Here are some suggested passages:

Genesis 1:26-28, 31a	Male and female he created them.
Genesis 2:18-24	The two of them become one body.
Genesis 24:48-51, 58-67	In his love for Rebekah, Isaac found solace after the death of his mother.
Tobit 7:6-14	May the Lord of heaven prosper you both. May he grant you mercy and peace.
Tobit 8:4b-8	Allow us to live together to a happy old age.
Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31	The woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
Song of Songs 2:8-10, 14, 16a; 8:6-7a	Stern as death is love.
Sirach 26:1-4, 13-16	Like the sun rising in the LORD's heavens, the beauty of a virtuous wife is the radiance of her home.
Jeremiah 31:31-32a, 33-24a	I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39	What will separate us from the love of Christ?
Romans 12:1-2, 9-18	Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God.

Romans 15:1b-3a, 5-7, 13	Welcome one another as Christ welcomed you.
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20	Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.
Ephesians 5:2a, 21-33	This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the Church.
Philippians 4:4-9	The God of peace be with you.
Colossians 3:12-17	And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.
Hebrews 13:1-4a, 5-6b	Let marriage be held in honor by all.
1 Peter 3:1-9	Be of one mind, sympathetic, loving toward one another.
1 John 3:18-24	Love in deed and in truth.
1 John 4:7-12	God is love.
Revelation 19:1, 5-9a	Blessed are those who have been called to the wedding feast of the Lamb

Matthew 5:1-12a	Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.
Matthew 5:13-16	You are the light of the world.
Matthew 7:21, 24-29	A wise man built his house on rock.
Matthew 19:3-6	What God has united, man must not separate.
Matthew 22:35-40	This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it.
Mark 10:6-9	They are no longer two, but one flesh.
John 2:1-11	Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee.
John 15:9-12	Remain in my love.
John 15:12-16	This is my commandment: love one another.
John 17:20-26	`That they may be brought to perfection as one.

