

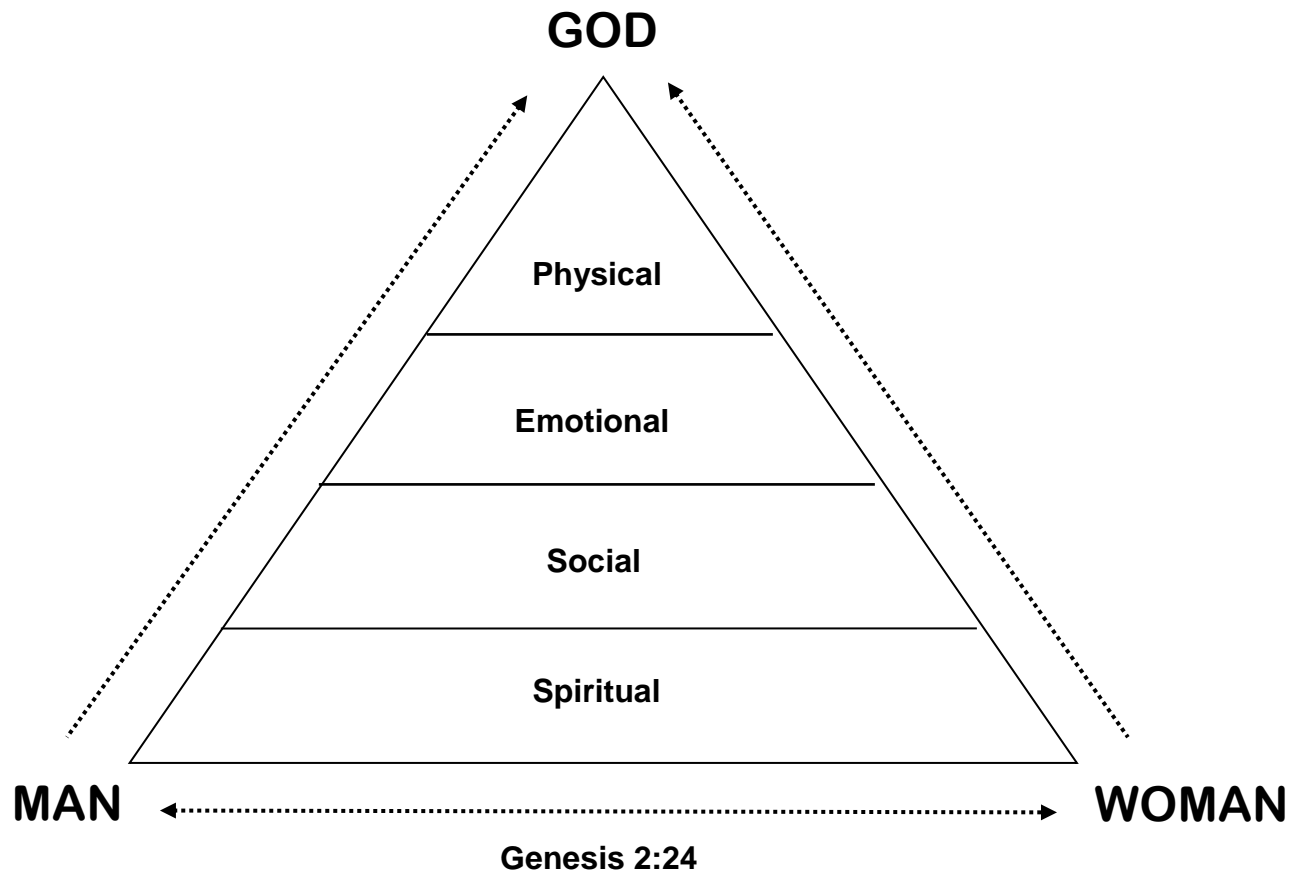
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### Marriage: God's Design



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### Discussion Questions:

1. In the last thirty years, divorce has gone from an almost unheard of event to a norm in American life. List what you believe to be the top 3-4 contributing factors to this shift.
2. Today's drama reminds us that marital conflict affects not only marriage partners but also their children. What relationship do you think exists between the quality of one's marriage and the positive or negative impact upon one's children? Explain your answer.
3. What is the **goal** of marriage according to God's design? How is this achieved?
4. What correlation do you see between one's relationship with God and one's relationship with their mate? Explain.

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### 5. Self-Assessment:

#### ➤ **For Those Married:**

How would you evaluate your marriage on a scale of 1 to 10 using the illustration on the first page? What are its strengths? What one area could use some attention and focus?

#### ➤ **For Those Single:**

How would you evaluate your dating relationship(s) and overall approach to building relationships with the opposite sex in light of the model shared?

- Strengths \_\_\_\_\_
- Need to strengthen \_\_\_\_\_

#### ➤ **For Parents:**

Have you talked with your pre-teens and teenagers about God's design for marriage? Do they have a game plan for entering positive and pure relationships with the opposite sex?