

Psalms 139:14

*I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works,
And that my soul knows very well.*

Today we are going to talk a little about marriage. Some of you may not be married and some of you are, in either case this applies to both.

We look around and think, “*I wish my marriage would be like theirs.*” or “*If I could only find someone like that, I would stay happily married forever.*” In both cases, this is a false impression of what your marriage should be, or what your future marriage will be like (if you are not currently married).

Why do I say this?

Look at part of the first sentence of today’s devotional verse again.

† *for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.*

Each and every one of us are created uniquely different. Just because someone has a great marriage, you cannot copy the things that they do to have that same happy marriage.

Example; One of the ways your wife knows that you truly love her and care about her is the fact that you are a hard worker. You stay at your job, and do the best you can to supply for the needs of your family. Your wife may need the security of knowing that her husband works hard to take care of her and the children, and he does not jump from one job to the next every couple of months.

Now this is good for your marriage, but it may not be what someone else’s wife needs from her husband (Although husbands should always work hard to take care of their families). She may need flowers everyday, or alone time with the Lord everyday, or an hour of conversation everyday or...? For you husbands, you also have needs that only your wife can take care of, but your needs may not be the same as someone else’s needs. With that husband and wife trying to be like you and your wife wont make their marriage like yours, because we are all “*fearfully and wonderfully made*” the way the Lord created each one of us to be.

So, what does all of this mean?

Desire to have a great marriage in the Lord, but don’t desire to model your marriage like someone else’s, but rather know that we are all “*fearfully and wonderfully made*” or uniquely made, and ask the Lord or your own spouse what he or she needs to help your marriage be wonderful.

And when someone asks why your marriage is so great, just tell them that the Lord has created us all different and that the Lord has shown you that unique thing or things that

makes your spouse happy. Just as the Lord knows each of us individually, and what's makes each of us happy.

- † **Revelation 21:9** *Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife."*

- † **Isaiah 54:5** *For your Maker is your husband, The LORD of hosts is His name; And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of the whole earth.*