

## ***First Things First: Marriage***

Imagine a baseball team claiming many championships who later admitted that they had thirteen players in the field. “First things” matter in all of life—in marriage too! Jesus used Adam and Eve to show the first things of marriage-- *He...made them male and female...what God has joined together, let not man separate* (Matt.19:4-6).

God joins man and woman (Matt. 19:4) God has never permitted anything else. Families, governments, or churches who differ write their laws to please man not God.

God joins one man to one woman (Matt. 19:6) Marriage is for “two.” Some people claim “love” cannot be limited by a number and seek “equal marriage rights.” God permitted polygamy before the gospel of Christ came but not since. Last year, the Mormon Church admitted that their founder, Joseph Smith, married dozens of women, even “a number of women who were already married.” [www.lds.org/](http://www.lds.org/)

God restricts divorce to the cause of adultery (Matt. 5:32; 19:9) Many religious groups and people strongly defend some parts of God’s plan but compromise this part.

If you do not teach your children these things, how will they know what true marriage is? (Ps. 127:1; Eph. 6:4).