

## Leave it to Cleave Her Part Two Genesis 2:21-25 January 25, 2004

Goal: To honor God in your dating/marriage relationships.

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THE IDEAL 'RIBLET'
Side by side they should walk . The arm protects the rib.
The rib protects the <u>heart</u> .
MAN'S ROLE:
1. <u>Identify</u> a compatible mate (Genesis 2:23)
2. <u>Leave</u> his parents and family (Genesis 2:24)
3. <u>Cleave</u> to his wife forever (Genesis 2:24)
SEX: Shameless oneness
Nurture <u>spiritual</u> nakedness; complete
transparency (mental, physical, emotional, social, and spiritual)
• Guilt : I did something wrong.
• <u>Shame</u> : I <u>am</u> something wrong.
INTIMACY: root word "intima" meaning innermost part
• <u>True</u> intimacy: sharing the real you
• <u>False</u> intimacy: sharing a masked version of yourself
Relationship math is not <u>addition</u> ; two <u>incomplete</u>
people do not equal one complete person.
• Oneness results from union with spouse, but wholeness and
completeness results from union with Jesus. (Col. 2:9-10)
For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are
complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power. (Col. 2:9-10)
SOUL-WINNER SO WHAT?  True spiritual "shameless oneness" is possible only if Jesus has taken your shame.
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