

WEEK 4

MARRIAGE

Marriage is defined as the joining together of a man and woman to become husband and wife .
Marriage is an institution established by God.

When a man or woman marries outside his or her social group or tribe, the marriage is described as "EXOGAMOUS MARRIAGE".

When a man or woman marries from his or her tribe, the marriage is described as " **ENDOGAMOUS MARRIAGE**".

Marriage two related people for example brother and sister, is not allowed in most societies.

FORMS OF MARRIAGE

There are three(3) forms of marriage in our society. They include;

1. RELIGIOUS MARRIAGE: this could either be christian or Islamic marriage.

a) christian marriage: the ceremony takes place in the church. It is conducted by a clergyman (pastor or priest).

b) islamic marriage: another name for Islamic marriage is called "NIKKAH". prayers are said from the Quran and both bride and groom are joined.

2. ORDINANCE/ COURT MARRIAGE: this takes place at a marriage registry or court. This type of marriage does not allow a man to marry more than two wives .

3. CUSTOMARY/TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE: this type of marriage, follows the tradition and customs practiced by the couple. This type of marriage allows a man to marry more than one wife.

PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE

the following are some reasons why people marry;

1. Procreation
2. Companionship
3. Avoidance of fornication
4. Fulfilling the laws of God.

FUNCTIONS OF MARRIAGE

The following are some functions of marriage;

1. It provides companionship
2. It helps in procreation
3. It makes couple responsible for each other.
4. It helps couple to avoid immorality (sin).
5. It helps to reduce the incidence of STDs, HIV/AIDS etc.
6. It brings about unity of different tribes .

ASSIGNMENT:

1. Mention the three (3) forms of marriage in the society.
2. Define marriage.