



#1:

“That the woman was made of a rib out of the side of Adam; not made out of his head to rule over him, nor out of his feet to be trampled upon by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be beloved.”¹

Matthew Henry

#2:

“Because the relation between husband and wife is more intimate than any other, even than that between parents and children, therefore a man shall consider all other relations subordinate to that which he sustains to his wife, with whom he is connected in the bonds of a common life.”²

Charles Hodge

#3:

“He wants to convince every husband and wife that his or her mate is the enemy. When spouses feel misunderstood, taken for granted, abused, or demeaned, the next steps down the conflict spiral are an embittered spirit, resentment, anger, isolation – and then worse.”³

Dennis Rainey

#4:

“To be loved but not known is comforting but superficial. To be known and not loved is our greatest fear. But to be fully known and truly loved is, well, a lot like being loved by God.”⁴

Tim Keller

#5:

“Physical beauty gets normalized in marriage. You wake up that first morning to a person with baboon breath and rat’s-nest hair and you wonder what attracted you so. He falls out of bed and puts on rumpled and stained sweats and stumbles to the bathroom and makes sounds you’d rather not hear. Then it hits you: you married a fantasy, but you got the real person. Real people have imperfect bodies. Real people grow warts, gain weight, get old. Marriages built on physical attraction always lead to disappointment.”⁵

Paul David Tripp

¹ Matthew Henry, *Matthew Henry’s Commentary in One Volume*, p. 7.

² Charles Hodge, *The Epistle to the Ephesians*, p. 255.

³ Dennis Rainey, “The Pastor’s Responsibility for Romance in His Congregation and Marriage,” in *Pastoral Leadership for Manhood and Womanhood*, p. 45.

⁴ Tim Keller, *The Meaning of Marriage*, p. 95.

⁵ Paul David Tripp, *What Did You Expect?*, p. 175.