

## Couples In Bloom – Marital Moxie

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The original languages God chose to have the Bible written in have wonderful words that our English language needs a sentence or two just to describe. Learning the history and culture of the day can add to the written meaning and, best of all, having the Holy Spirit empower our spirit with God's life changing truth really makes God's Word very exciting to read and receive from. Nothing on earth matches its power ⇒ Hebrews 4:12.

**Marriage is such a privilege**, getting to be one with a spouse in every regard, having the security and comfort of living in covenant, and having a lifetime to *maximize* it! It is a copy-paste of our eternal relationship with God, which is beyond our ability to fathom. In all this greatness, our free will makes it possible to *minimize* the privilege of marriage. Thankfully, the Bible has what it takes to maximize our marriage. **This is so exciting!**

**BAD NEWS:** There are passionate Bible words concerning marriage and intimacy that some modern Bible translations replaced with dull words (several examples below).

**GOOD NEWS:** we have copies of the language God chose to write the Bible in! Study to show yourself approved, rightly dividing the Word of truth ⇒ 2 Timothy 2:15.

- **Slake:** what a husband is to let his wife's breasts do to him ⇒ Proverbs 5:19 "bathe, make drunk, (take the) fill, satiate, (abundantly) satisfy, soak, water (abundantly)". One 1899 translation uses "inebriate"; others use "satisfy" (dull: no abundance).
- **Quaff** (*root word*): how a husband consumes his wife's intimate bodily fluids ⇒ Song of Solomon 5:1. "*irrigate or furnish a potion to: - cause to (give, give to, let, make to) drink, drown, moisten, water*" (*actual word is Imbibe: intensive of quaff; i.e. stronger than quaff*). Other translations use "drink" (dull: no intensity or strength).
- **Shamefacedness:** how women are to manage their countenance around men and God ⇒ 1 Timothy 2:9 "the idea of *downcast eyes*); *bashfulness*, that is, (towards men), *modesty* or (towards God) *awe: - reverence*" This is among the most intimate words in the entire Bible... removed by modernists. Versions between 1611 and 1895 used it; newer translations use "modesty" or "sensibleness" (dull: non-descriptive).

**Why present these things?** Isn't this majoring on minor issues? Isn't there too much subjectivity involved? Aren't there more important things to discuss? These and other questions miss the point here, which is to **expose satan who comes to steal, kill and destroy so that God's people are equipped to take back what Jesus died for them to have** ⇒ John 10:10. Seminary degrees are not needed to study the Bible. E-sword.net (for example) has a Bible concordance, dictionary and more that can really help Bible study.

God's Word is **God's words**. Whatever our feelings may be about one word versus another, God does **NOT** like dullness ⇒ Matthew 11:12; Revelation 3:15; 2 Kings 13:15-19, and **neither** should we. To use a word from 1876: we would do well to put some **moxie** (vigor, courage, skill) into our **marriage**, as a spouse *and* as the Bride of Christ. Do not worry; God will not say, "You took Me too seriously!" or "You did too much!"

**Use knowledge** ⇒ Proverbs 19:2 **and zeal** ⇒ James 2:19... **moxie**. ♥ Loren Falzone