

Marriage on the Rock

Foundation Scripture:

1Co 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

A. Creating a Heavenly Marriage.

1. Preparing for Marriage.
 - a. Hab 2:2-3 Write the vision.
 - b. Heb 6:12 Through faith and patience.
 - c. Eph 6:18 Pray.
 - d. 2 Cor 6:14,16 Equal Yoking.
 - e. Wooden Failure to prepare is preparing to fail.
2. Living your Marriage.
 - a. A new creation – You and me become a “We”.
 - b. Speak words of grace and love and encouragement (Eph 4:29).
 - c. Start and end each day with “I love you”, a kiss, a hug and Communion; touching is very important!
 - d. Husband: Listen to and respect her, compliment her, bring small gifts (flowers, etc).
 - e. Wife: Laugh at his jokes; the way to man’s heart is through his stomach; anticipate his every need (Eph 5:33 AmpC).

B. Defending your Marriage.

1. Harmonizing your personalities (1 Co 9:22; Phil 2:3).
 - a. DISC overview: **A**ctive or **P**assive; **P**eople oriented or **T**hings oriented
 - b. Dominant (**AT**), Influencing (**AP**), Steady (**PP**) and Compliant (**PT**)
(prophet/CEO, evangelist/actor, pastor/nurse, teacher/engineer)
 - c. DISC incompatibilities. Generally: the “I” gets along with everybody.
Generally: the “D” steps on everybody’s toes.
Specifics: D and D, D and S, D and C, I and C
 - d. General Guidelines: Show your esteem & recognize or match hisr style.
 - e. Personality differences can be like grains of sand in your shoes.
2. Preparing for warfare (John 10:10; 2 Cor 10:3-6).
 - a. Alignment: God, husband, wife, children (Eph 5:22-24).
: Husband is the high priest of the home (Eph 5:33).
 - b. Live in love: Wife submitted to husband (Col 3:18-21).
: Husband loves wife as Christ loved the church (Eph 5:25).
 - c. Prayers: Set the tone for your day with the Morning Prayers.
: Put God in control of your day.
 - d. Confessing sins: Morning, night and at every meal as you bless your food.
 - e. Watch for the Jezebel and Ahab spirits.

Summary: A good marriage is a powerful weapon for the Gospel for the two are one in spirit and flesh and the “one” is praying in perfect agreement. (Matt 18:19)

Couples Therapy

You must believe that it is worth fighting for your marriage.
You must agree that you are not perfect & you contribute to the problem.
You must be willing to change.
You must understand that you cannot change your spouse. You must change yourself.

Love

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

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⁵ I am not conceited (not arrogant *nor* inflated with pride); I am not rude (unmannerly) *and* I do not act unbecomingly. I do not insist on my own rights *or* my own way, *for* I am not self-seeking; I am not touchy *or* fretful *or* resentful; I take no account of the evil done to me [I pay no attention to a suffered wrong].

⁶ I do not rejoice at injustice *and* unrighteousness, but I rejoice when right *and* truth prevail.

⁷ I bear up under anything *and* everything that comes, I am ever ready to believe the best of every person, my hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and I endure everything [without weakening].

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