

SECRETS OF A GOOD MARRIAGE

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1. Foster the right _____ — love Christ first

Matthew 22:37-38 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.
³⁸ This is the great and foremost commandment.

2. Fight the right _____ — die to self

Ephesians 5:25, 28 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her....²⁸ So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself.

Ephesians 5:22 Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

3. Build on the right _____ — two become one

Turn to **Genesis 2:18-25**

Hebrews 13:4 Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

Eve was not taken out of Adam's head to top him, neither out of his feet to be trampled on by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected by him, and near his heart to be loved by him. **Matthew Henry ~1700**

4. Prioritize the right _____ — leave & cleave

Turn to **Matthew 19:4-6**

5. Work toward the right _____ — naked & unashamed

Genesis 2:25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

The inescapable comfort of feeling safe with a person—having neither to weigh thoughts or measure words, but pouring them all out just as they are, chaff and grain together, certain that a faithful hand will sift them, keep what is worth keeping, and then with the breath of kindness blow the rest away. **Dinah Craik 1877**

Remember still that you are both diseased persons, full of infirmities; and therefore expect the fruit of those infirmities in each other...If you could not bear this, you should not have married her; if you resolved that you could bear it then, you are obliged to bear it now. Resolve therefore to bear with one another; as remembering that you took one another as sinful, frail, imperfect persons, not as angels, or as blameless and perfect. **Richard Baxter ~1650**

6. Connect with the right _____ — member of the body

1 Corinthians 12:26 And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

ARE YOU:

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