



Knowing God  
in  
Marriage

**Every marriage is going to have internal battles.**

**These battles are part of a bigger war of wills.**

**Either man not wanting to submit to the Lord the  
woman not wanting to submit to the man.**

**Submission to God brings security.**

**In Conflict, We Must Have the Right  
Attitude**

## Romans 5:1–2 (NET)

1 Therefore, since we have been declared righteous by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord

Jesus Christ,

2 through whom we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in the hope of God's glory.

## Romans 5:3–5 (NET)

3Not only this, but we also rejoice in sufferings,  
knowing that suffering produces endurance,  
4and endurance, character, and character, hope.  
5And hope does not disappoint, because the love of  
God has been poured out in our hearts through the  
Holy Spirit who was given to us.

## James 1:2–4 (NET)

2My brothers and sisters, consider it nothing but joy  
when you fall into all sorts of trials,

3because you know that the testing of your faith  
produces endurance.

4And let endurance have its perfect effect, so that  
you will be perfect and complete, not deficient in  
anything.

*Marriage is not primarily about happiness it is about  
Holiness.*

*When our marriage is about Holiness then we will  
truly know happiness.*

**In Conflict, We Must Develop Perseverance**

Galatians 6:9–10 (NET)

9 So we must not grow weary in doing good, for in due time we will reap, if we do not give up.

10 So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who belong to the family of faith.

**In Conflict, We Must Sow Good Seeds**

1 Corinthians 3:6–7 (NET)

6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God caused it to  
grow.

7 So neither the one who plants counts for anything,  
nor the one who waters, but God who causes the  
growth.

**In Conflict, We Must Talk to Our Spouse  
Before Others**

**Matthew 18:15 (NET)**

**15“If your brother sins, go and show him his fault when the two of you are alone. If he listens to you, you have regained your brother.**

**In Conflict, We Must Seek Wise Counselors**

**Matthew 18:16–17 (NET)**

- 16** But if he does not listen, take one or two others with you, so that at the testimony of two or three witnesses every matter may be established.
- 17** If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. If he refuses to listen to the church, treat him like a Gentile or a tax collector.

**Proverbs 27:17 (NET)**

**17As iron sharpens iron, so a person sharpens his  
friend.**

**Proverbs 11:14 (NET)**

**14**When there is no guidance a nation falls, but there is success in the abundance of counselors.

**In Conflict, We Must Immediately Seek  
Resolution**

## Ephesians 4:25–27 (NET)

25 Therefore, having laid aside falsehood, each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members of one another.

26 Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on the cause of your anger.

27 Do not give the devil an opportunity.

## Matthew 6:8–12 (NET)

8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

9 So pray this way: Our Father in heaven, may your name be honored,

10 may your kingdom come, may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

11 Give us today our daily bread,

12 and forgive us our debts, as we ourselves have forgiven our debtors.

**Matthew 6:13–15 (NET)**

**13 And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us  
from the evil one.**

**14 “For if you forgive others their sins, your heavenly  
Father will also forgive you.**

**15 But if you do not forgive others, your Father will  
not forgive you your sins.**

**Romans 12:18 (NET)**

**18If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all people.**

**In Conflict, We Must Be Willing to Sacrifice**

## **Luke 9:23 (NET)**

**23 Then he said to them all, “If anyone wants to become my follower, he must deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me.**

## Philippians 4:1–5 (NET)

1 So then, my brothers and sisters, dear friends whom I long to see, my joy and crown, stand in the Lord in this way, my dear friends!

2 I appeal to Euodia and to Syntyche to agree in the Lord.

3 Yes, I say also to you, true companion, help them. They have struggled together in the gospel ministry along with me and Clement and my other coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I say, rejoice!

5 Let everyone see your gentleness. The Lord is near!

## Philippians 2:3–5 (NET)

3 Instead of being motivated by selfish ambition or vanity, each of you should, in humility, be moved to treat one another as more important than yourself.

4 Each of you should be concerned not only about your own interests, but about the interests of others as well.

5 You should have the same attitude toward one another that Christ Jesus had,

**In Conflict, We Must Love Our Spouse Deeply  
and Allow Love His or Her Sins**

## 1 Peter 4:7–8 (NET)

7For the culmination of all things is near. So be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of prayer.

8Above all keep your love for one another fervent, because love covers a multitude of sins.

## 1 Corinthians 13:4–7 (NET)

4 Love is patient, love is kind, it is not envious. Love does not brag, it is not puffed up.

5 It is not rude, it is not self-serving, it is not easily angered or resentful.

6 It is not glad about injustice, but rejoices in the truth.

7 It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

**No marriage will be free of conflict this  
side of heaven.**

**It is the spiritual resolution of conflict that  
brings glory to the Lord.**



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