

The Priorities of a Great Marriage

Relationship Goals: Part 4

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"...Live in harmony by showing love for each other. Be united in what you think, as if you were only one person." (Philippians 2:2, CEV)

SIX PRIORITIES OF A HEALTHY MARRIAGE

1. COMMUNICATION.

"An unreliable messenger can cause a lot of trouble. Reliable communication permits progress." (Proverbs 13:17, The Living Bible)

"The man should give his wife all that is her right as a married woman, and the wife should do the same for her husband:" (1 Corinthians 7:3, The Living Bible)

BOOK: MEN ARE FROM MARS, WOMEN ARE FROM VENUS by John Gray

2. CONSIDERATION.

"...steadily, pouring yourselves out for each other in acts of love," (Ephesians 4:2, The Message)

"Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor." (Romans 12:10, NRSV)

BOOK: THE FIVE LOVE LANGUAGES by Gary Chapman

BOOK: LOVE AND RESPECT by Emerson Eggerichs

3. ACCOMMODATION.

"Love does not demand its own way." (1 Corinthians 13:5b, The Living Bible)

"Do nothing out of rivalry...but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves." (Philippians 2:3, HCSB)

BOOK: THE DNA OF RELATIONSHIPS by Gary Smalley

4. RECREATION.

"So be happy with your wife and find your joy with the woman you married...Let her charms keep you happy; let her surround you with her love." (Proverbs 5:18–19, GNB)

“Life is short, and you love your wife, so enjoy being with her.” (Ecclesiastes 9:9a, CEV)

BOOK: MAKING LOVE LAST FOREVER by Gary Smalley

5. DEDICATION.

“Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh.” (Genesis 2:24, RSV)

- ♥ PRIORITY
- ♥ PURPOSE
- ♥ PERMANENCE

“I hate divorce,” says the LORD God of Israel. “...Make sure that you do not break your promise to be faithful to your wife.” (Malachi 2:16, GNB)

Commitment means:

BEING WILLING TO BE UNHAPPY UNTIL WE WORK IT OUT.

BOOK: SACRED MARRIAGE by Gary Thomas

6. CONSECRATION!

“...He is the beginning, the first to come back to life so that he would have first place in everything.” (Colossians 1:18, GW)

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” (Galatians 2:20, NIV)

ACTION STEPS:

Read one of the Relationship books – 30-day challenge!

Get counseling or coaching.

Get in a Group!