

# *The Habits of a Healthy Marriage*

BLESS THIS HOME: 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)*

*"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." (Ephesians 4:3, NIV)*

## **SIX HABITS OF HEALTHY MARRIAGES**

### **1. COMMUNICATION.**

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

BOOK: THE FIVE LOVE LANGUAGES by Gary Chapman

BOOK: LOVE AND RESPECT by Emerson Eggerichs

### **3. COMPROMISE.**

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

BOOK: THE DNA OF RELATIONSHIPS by Gary Smalley

#### 4. COURTSHIP.

*“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)*

BOOK: MAKING LOVE LAST FOREVER by Gary Smalley

#### 5. COMMITMENT.

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

- ♥ PRIORITY
- ♥ PERMANENCE
- ♥ PURPOSE

*“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)*

BOOK: SACRED MARRIAGE by Gary Thomas

#### 6. CHRIST-CENTERED!

*“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)*

#### **ACTIONS:**

Read a book – 30-day challenge!

Take a workshop 5/20.

Get counseling or coaching:

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