

(1 John 4:8) Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. (Matthew 19:4-6) "Haven't you read the Scriptures?" Jesus replied. "They record that from the beginning 'God made them male and female.' And he said, "'This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.' Since they are no longer two but one, let no one split apart what God has joined together."

1. The foundation of marriage is that _____ our Creator, created _____.
2. God created marriage to be between one male named _____ and one female named _____.
3. God created marriage to be between one male named man _____ and one female named woman, _____.

(2 Corinthians 6:14-15) Don't team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness? What harmony can there be between Christ and the devil? How can a believer be a partner with an unbeliever?

(1 Corinthians 7:12-14) Now, I will speak to the rest of you, though I do not have a direct command from the Lord. If a fellow believer has a wife who is not a believer and she is willing to continue living with him, he must not leave her. And if a believing woman has a husband who is not a believer and he is willing to continue living with her, she must not leave him. For the believing wife brings holiness to her marriage, and the believing husband brings holiness to his marriage.

(Ephesians 5:22-31) And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. For wives, this means submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church. As the church submits to Christ, so you wives should submit to your husbands in everything. For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault. In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man who loves his wife actually shows love for himself. No one hates his own body but feeds and cares for it, just as Christ cares for the church. And we are members of his body.

1. Walk in a _____ commitment found only in Christ. (Ephesians 5:21) And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

2. Walk in your _____ given to you by God.

(1 Peter 3:1-2) In the same way, you wives must accept the authority of your husbands.

(1 Peter 3:7) In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives.

✓ Work on _____.

(1 Peter 3:8a) Finally, all of you should be of one mind. Sympathize with each other. Love each other as brothers and sisters.

- Believe _____.

(1 Peter 3:8b) Be tenderhearted and keep a humble attitude.

- Forgive _____.

(1 Peter 3:9) Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will grant you his blessing.

- Speak _____.

(1 Peter 3:10-12) For the Scriptures say, "If you want to enjoy life and see many happy days, keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies. Turn away from evil and do good. Search for peace, and work to maintain it. The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right, and his ears are open to their prayers. But the Lord turns his face against those who do evil."

✓ Feed the _____.

(1 Corinthians 14:1) Let love be your highest goal!

3. Walk in _____ daily.

(1 Thessalonians 3:12-13) And may the Lord make your love for one another and for all people grow and overflow, just as our love for you overflows. May he, as a result, make your hearts strong, blameless, and holy as you stand before God our Father when our Lord Jesus comes again with all his holy people. Amen.