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In every marriage, there are two fundamental truths you must get right. First, the purpose of marriage is not happiness but ONENESS. Second, our unity or oneness is based on the same purpose, priorities, and values.

Proverbs 18:21,

Ephesians 4:25-32

I. Rule #1 – Be _____, verse 25

Ephesians 4:22-24

There are four different forms of lying.

1. _____.
2. _____.
3. _____ - _____.
4. _____.

If you have lied to your spouse, what should you do?

II. Rule #2 – Keep _____, verse 26-27

How full is your gunnysack today?

3 ways to keep your gunnysack empty:

- 1) Choose the right time
- 2) Choose your introduction wisely.
- 3) Resolve today's problems today.

III. Rule #3 – Attack the problem, not _____, verse 29-30

Proverbs 25:28

Proverbs 19:19

When you use CORRUPT words against your spouse, the Bible says you grieve the Holy Spirit.

How do you learn to attack the problem, not the person?

- 1) First, affirm your _____ before addressing the problem
- 2) Separate the wrong behavior from the person.

IV. Rule #4 – Act, don't _____. Verse 31-32

Remember before you react:

1) Ask questions and listen

Proverbs 18:13

James 1:19

2) Respond positively

Proverbs 16:21

3) Clarify your conclusions

4) End with an encouraging note.

Ephesians 4:32