



## Perfect Marriage Part 2

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"A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one."

EPHESIANS 5:31-32 | NLT

### Six Ingredients for a Sweet Marriage

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#### Communication

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"Reliable communication permits progress."

PROVERBS 13:17b | LB

"Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them."

EPHESIANS 4:29 | NLT

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#### Consideration

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"You must learn to be considerate of one another, cultivating a life in common."

1 CORINTHIANS 1:10b | MSG

"Husbands ... show consideration for your wives in your life together ... so that nothing may hinder your prayers."

1 PETER 3:7 | NRSV

## Simple Ways to Show Consideration

### A. By offering practical help .

"Show your love by being helpful to each other."

EPHESIANS 4:2b | TEV

### B. By forgiving their mistakes .

"Make allowance for each other's faults and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others."

COLOSSIANS 3:13 | NLT

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### Compromise

"... a family splintered by feuding will fall apart."

MARK 3:25 | NLT

"People who do not get along with others are only interested in themselves."

PROVERBS 18:1 | TEV

"... (Love) does not demand its own way ..."

1 CORINTHIANS 13:5 | NLT

"May God develop maturity in you so that you get along with each other as well as Jesus gets along with us ..."

ROMANS 15:5 | MSG

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### Contact

"The husband should fulfill his wife's sexual needs, and the wife should fulfill her husband's needs."

1 CORINTHIANS 7:3 | NLT

### The Key: Courting

"There's more to sex than mere skin on skin. Sex is as much spiritual mystery as physical fact. As written in Scripture, 'The two become one.'"

1 CORINTHIANS 6:16 | MSG

"Let (your mate's) affection fill you at all times with delight ..."  
PROVERBS 5:19b | RSV

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## Communication

"For I hate divorce!' says the Lord, the God of Israel. 'To divorce your wife is to overwhelm her with cruelty,' says the Lord of Heaven's Armies. 'So guard your heart; do not be unfaithful to your wife.'"

MALACHI 2:16 | NLT

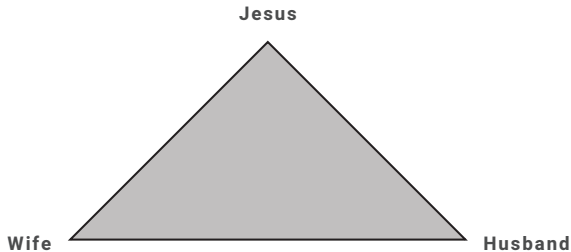
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## Christ



"He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure."

ISAIAH 33:6 | NIV

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NRSV = NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION,  
TEV = TODAY'S ENGLISH VERSION,  
NIV = NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION,  
RSV = REVISED STANDARD VERSION.

## Small Group Questions

- 1** Share one thing that stood out to you in this week's sermon and why?
- 2** What is your most vivid memory of fun and laughter with your spouse?
- 3** What are some things that currently get in the way of intimacy (in communication, parenting, finances, or sex) in your marriage?
- 4** What are practical ways you can point your spouse or friends to the Lord in your everyday routine?
- 5** How can we be praying for you this week?