

“ Making a Christian Marriage ”

Intro:

A marriage, to be successful, must be a triangle which includes:

1. The Lord - Leadership
2. Husband - Love
3. Wife - Loyalty

The Leadership of the Lord.

Why should a marriage have the Lord's leadership?

1. We need wisdom for difficult decisions.
“If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.” - James 1:5
2. We need resources in barren times.
“And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.” -Philippians 4:19
3. We need strength to overcome temptation.
“God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.” - 1 Corinthians 10:13
4. We need peace in disturbing events/times.
“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” - John 14:27
5. We need purpose for everyday living.
“For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.” - Philippians 1:21
6. We need a model for effective relationships.
“Love your wife as Christ loved the Church.” - Ephesians 5:25

The Loyalty of the Wife.

(Ephesians 5:22, 24, 33)

The Love of the Husband.

A bouquet of a dozen ways a man should love his wife:

1. Love your wife by serving her.
“I come, not to be served, but to be a servant” - Jesus, Mark 10:45
2. Love your wife by surprising her.
“I have come that you might have ... abundant life.” - John 10:10
3. Love your wife by remembering.
“Remember the days of old; consider the days long past.” - Deuteronomy 32:7
4. Love your wife by affirming her.
“I am the good shepherd.” - John 10:11
5. Love your wife by caring in lonely moments.
“Watch with me for just one hour.” - Matthew 26:40
6. Love your wife by pleasing her.
“Love seeks not its own.” - 1 Corinthians 13:5
7. Love your wife by creating memories.
“Remember to extol His work, which people have praised in song.” - Job 36:24
8. Love your wife by providing security.
“I will send you a comforter.” - John 15:26
9. Love your wife by enhancing her gifts.
“If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it.” - 1 Corinthians 12:26
10. Love your wife by giving her your very best.
“Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her.” - Ephesians 5:25
11. Love your wife by identifying with her.
“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.” - John 1:14
12. Love your wife by loving God.
“This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” - Matthew 3:17

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