

B. Honor – Valuing and Respecting One Another

Ephesians 5:33 (NKJV) – “Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.”

Romans 12:10 (NKJV) – “Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another.”

Quote:

“A successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same person.” — Mignon McLaughlin

C. Unity – Becoming One in Christ

Genesis 2:24 (NKJV) – “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”

Amos 3:3 (NKJV) – “Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?”

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (NKJV) – “Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up.”

Quote:

“The goal in marriage is not to think alike, but to think together.” — Robert C. Dodds

4 Steps a Believer Can Put into Practice

1. Prioritize Your Relationship with God Daily

- Spend time in prayer and Bible study to deepen your intimacy with God.
- Seek His guidance in all decisions and relationships.

2. Love and Honor Others as Christ Loves

- Extend grace, kindness, and forgiveness in all relationships.
- Serve your spouse and others selflessly, reflecting Christ’s love.

3. Walk in Obedience and Worship

- Worship God not only in song but in your lifestyle, choices, and actions.
- Obey His Word wholeheartedly, even when it requires sacrifice.

4. Pursue Unity and Strengthen Your Marriage

- Communicate, pray together, and build your marriage on God’s foundation.
- Honor your spouse and strive for unity in all aspects of life.



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Point 1: Our Relationship with God – The Foundation of All Relationships

Quote:

“A heart in harmony with God will always be in tune with those around it.” – A.W. Tozer

Matthew 22:37 (NKJV) – Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.”

A. Our Relationship with God Determines Our Identity

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV) – “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

1 John 3:1 (NKJV) – “Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!”

Galatians 4:6 (NKJV)

And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!”

Galatians 4:7 (NKJV)

Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Quote: *“The more we let God take us over, the more truly ourselves we become—because He made us.”* – C.S. Lewis

B. Our Relationship with God Teaches Us How to Love Others

1 John 4:19 (NKJV) – “We love Him because He first loved us.”

John 15:12 (NKJV) – “This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

Ephesians 4:32 (NKJV) – “And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”

C. Our Relationship with God Keeps Our Priorities in Order

Matthew 6:33 (NKJV) – “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

Colossians 3:2 (NKJV) – “Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.”

Point 2: Our Responsibilities to God – Worship, Obedience, and Seeking Him

Romans 12:1 (NKJV) – I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV) – But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Quote:

"The measure of a life is not its duration, but its donation." – Peter Marshall

A. Worship: Giving God the Honor He Deserves

John 4:24 (NKJV) – "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

Psalms 95:6 (NKJV) – "Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker."

Revelation 4:11 (NKJV) – "You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created."

B. Obedience: Living According to God's Word

John 14:15 (NKJV) – "If you love Me, keep My commandments."

1 Samuel 15:22 (NKJV) – "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams."

James 1:22 (NKJV) – "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."

Quote:

"Delayed obedience is disobedience." – Anonymous

C. Seeking Him: Pursuing an Intimate Relationship with God

Jeremiah 29:13 (NKJV) – "And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart."

Matthew 6:33 (NKJV) – "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

Seeking God is not about earning His presence—it's about desiring Him enough to search, and when we do, He reveals Himself to us.

Point 3: Our Relationship with Our Spouse – A Reflection of Christ and the Church

A. Marriage Reflects Christ's Love for the Church

Ephesians 5:25-27 (NKJV) – "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish."

1 John 4:19 (NKJV) – "We love Him because He first loved us."

Romans 5:8 (NKJV) – "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

B. Marriage Reflects Christ's Commitment to the Church

Ephesians 5:31-32 (NKJV) – "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church."

Hebrews 13:5 (NKJV) – "For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.'"

Malachi 2:16 (NKJV) – "For the Lord God of Israel says that He hates divorce, for it covers one's garment with violence, says the Lord of hosts. Therefore take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously."

C. Marriage Reflects Christ's Servanthood in the Church

Mark 10:45 (NKJV) – "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Philippians 2:3-4 (NKJV) – "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others."

1 Peter 3:7 (NKJV) – "Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered."

Quote: *"A strong marriage requires two people who choose to love each other even on the days they struggle to like each other."* – Dave Willis

Point 4: Our Responsibilities to Our Spouse – Love, Honor, and Unity

Quote:

"Love is not just looking at each other, it's looking in the same direction." – Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

A. Love – A Covenant Commitment, Not Just a Feeling

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NKJV) – "Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."

Colossians 3:14 (NKJV) – But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NKJV) – Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Ephesians 4:2-3 (NKJV) – With all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.