

Principles For Powerful Marriages

When Marriage is Hard - Part 2

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²¹The tongue can bring death or life; those who love to talk will reap the consequences. ²²The man who finds a wife finds a treasure, and he receives favor from the Lord.” Proverbs 18:21-22 (NLT)

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²⁴Anyone who listens to My teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. ²⁵Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. ²⁶But anyone who hears My teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. ²⁷When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.” Matthew 7:24-27 (NLT)

1. Maintain Your **COMMITMENT**.

“I hate divorce,” says the Lord ... Make sure that you do not break your promise to be faithful to your wife (spouse).” Malachi 2:16 (GNT)

2. Prioritize Your **ATTENTION**.

“Marriage involves you in all the nuts and bolts of domestic life and in wanting to please your spouse, leading to so many more demands on your attention.” 1 Corinthians 7:33-34 (MSG)

3. Constantly **TUNE-UP**.

“... our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action.” 1 John 3:18 (GNT)

You Tune Up By:

a. Meeting your spouse's **NEEDS**.

“Look out for one another's interests, not just for your own.” Philippians 2:4 (GNT)

b. Learning How To **COMPROMISE**.

“... Love does not demand its own way.” 1 Corinthians 13:5 (TLB)

“Honor Christ by submitting to each other.” Ephesians 5:21 (TLB)

c. **FORGIVING** each other.

“May God ... help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus.” Romans 15:5 (NLT)

“Love is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable; love does not keep a record of wrongs.” 1 Corinthians 13:5 (GNT)

4. Keep Christ **FIRST**.

“You have accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord. Now keep on following Him.” Colossians 2:6 (CEV)

“Keep your roots deep in Him, build your lives on Him, and become stronger in your faith ... ” Colossians 2:7 (GNT)