

Great Relationships – Fighting for a Great Marriage

1. Grow in _____ what marriage is

i) Marriage is to unite one man and one woman ideally _____

1 Corinthians 11 v 11 CEV - As far as the Lord is concerned, men and women need each other.

Genesis 2 v 18 NLT - Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him."

Mark 10 v 6-8 NLT - But 'God made them male and female' from the beginning of creation. ⁷'This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, ⁸and the two are united into one.' Since they are no longer two but one, ⁹let no one split apart what God has joined together."

a) Marriage is _____

b) Marriage is a _____

c) Marriage is meant to be _____

ii) Marriage is for the _____ of the human race

Genesis 1:27-28 NLT - So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth."

i) Marriage is for the protection of _____

ii) Marriage is for the construction of _____

Proverbs 14:34 NLT - Godliness makes a nation great

iii) Marriage is to give us a picture of our _____

Ephesians 5 v 25, 27, 28, 31-33 NLT

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her... ²⁷ to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any

other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies.

³¹'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.' ³²This is a profound mystery – but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

2. Grow in the art of _____

James 1 v 19 NLT - be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.

3. Grow in resolving _____

Ephesians 4 v 30-31 NIV - Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander.... ³²Instead, be kind to each other, tender hearted, forgiving one another

Matthew 7 v 3 NIV - Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in the other person's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?

4. Grow in showing _____

The Five _____

Loving words

Thoughtful presents

Physical affection

Quality time

Kind actions

Grow in _____ to your marriage

My commitment: