

SIX KEYS TO A STRONG MARRIAGE

Marriage Matters • Part 1

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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

“Don’t ever forget My words...They are the keys to life.”

Proverbs 4:21-22 NCV

KEY #1: CLEAR _____

“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**

“Just say ‘yes’ and ‘no.’ When you manipulate words to get your own way, you go wrong.” **Matthew 5:37 MSG**

KEY #2: LOVING _____

“You must learn to be considerate of one another, cultivating a life in common.” **1 Corinthians 1:10 MSG**

“You husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together...Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered.” **1 Peter 3:7 NLT**

“...be considerate of the doubts and fears of others... do what is for their good and builds them up in the Lord.”

Romans 15:1-2 TLB

“Make allowance for each other’s faults and forgive the person who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.” **Colossians 3:13 NLT**

KEY #3: HUMBLE _____

“A home filled with strife and division destroys itself.” **Mark 3:25 TLB**

“People who do not get along with others are only interested in themselves.” **Proverbs 18:1 GNT**

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

“May...God develop maturity in you so that you get along with each other as well as Jesus gets along with us all.” **Romans 15:5 MSG**

KEY #4: AFFECTIONATE _____

“The husband should not deprive his wife of sexual intimacy, which is her right as a married woman, nor should the wife deprive her husband.” **1 Corinthians 7:3 NLT**

“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 5:19 RSV**

KEY #5: COVENANT _____

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

KEY #6: SURRENDERED TO _____

“...God’s secret is Christ Himself. He is the key that opens all the hidden treasures of God’s wisdom and knowledge.” **Colossians 2:2-3 GNT**

“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**