

KEYS TO STRENGTHENING YOUR MARRIAGE

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The Lord must come first

Maintain your walk with Him, not expecting your spouse to do for you what only God can. Ps. 1 | Gal. 5:16 | 1 Pet. 2:2-3 | Jn. 15:5 | 1 Th. 5:17 | Heb. 10:24-25, 13:17

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Laziness will cause your marriage to deteriorate

Pull the weeds (peacemaking) and plant the flowers (connection).
Prov. 24:30-34, 16:24 | Matt. 7:1-5 | Gal. 6:1-2 | Eph. 4:31-32 | Eccl. 9:9

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Lies are like a deadly cancer to your relationship

Speak the truth in love (even when it hurts) and make it safe for your spouse to share hard things. Eph. 4:15,25 | Prov. 26:28 | James 1:19

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Lust can quickly destroy your marriage

Be circumspect in your dealings with the opposite sex and invest in marital intimacy. 2 Tim. 2:22 | James 1:14-15 | Matt. 5:29 | Prov. 5:8,15-19 | 1 Cor. 7:3-5

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Lift one another up to strengthen your marriage

Actively affirm God's good work in your spouse (and go light on criticism). Prov. 31:28-29, 20:3, 17:14, 16:21 | Phil. 4:8-9 | Col. 1:3-8

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Build your marriage on Love not Law

Treat your spouse better than they deserve with the same gracious mercy that the Lord shows you. Eph. 3:14-21 | 1 Jn. 4:10-11,19 | 1 Cor. 13:4-7