



Seven Words for Relationships *(Weather Proofing)* pt 2

Assorted Scriptures

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What Do Our Marriages Look Like?

After the Strain of...

- **Children**
- **Work**
- **In-Laws**
- **Out-Laws**
- **Life**

•It's Easy to Lose Our Focus...

... Lose Sight of Each Other

•There are Seven Words that, if Applied to Our Marriages, have the Power to make this year the Best Year we have ever Experienced as a Couple.



1st Three Words

- **Initiate** - *“Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it” -Prov 3:27*
- **Prioritize** - *“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves*
- **Communicate** - *“From a wise mind comes careful and persuasive speech” -Prov 16:23*



Initiate

Remember the Courtship?

- **Make an Effort to Woo Your Spouse All Over Again**
- **So Many Marriages Fall Apart Because...**
 - ... **People Just Stop Trying**

“Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it” -Prov 3:27

Prioritize

What Is Your Top Priority?

- It's Where You Devote The Majority Of Your Time / Energy
- Your Phone and Updating Your Facebook Status Can Wait.

*“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit,
but in humility count others more significant than yourselves”*

-Phil 2:3

Communicate

In a Successful Marriage, You Have to Fight The Urge to Not Talk

- **Don't Allow Things to Fester.**
- **Instead, Keep an Open Line of Communication.**
- **Speaking Redemptive Words...**
 - ... **Actually Resolve Situations / Improve Our Relationship**

“From a wise mind comes careful and persuasive speech”

-Prov 16:23

Listen



The Most Important Part Of Communicating...

... Doesn't Involve Speaking

... But Listening

- **Your Spouse Wants(Needs) to Be Heard.**
- **How Can You Know What He or She Is Feeling...**
... If You Don't Take The Time to Listen
- **Many Of Us Are Too Quick to Interject Before...**
... The Other is Finished Speaking

"... let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger"

-James 1:19

Forgive

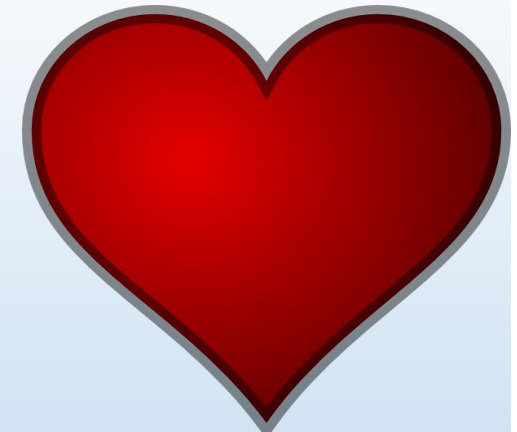
Don't Hold Onto Things

- You Only Harm Yourself
- When Your Spouse Does Something, Refer To #3 And #4
- Then, Let It Go. Forgive Them and Move On

“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts ... and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive” -Col 3:12-13



Love



Without Love, There Is No Marriage.

- That's Why We Must Keep the Spark Alive.**
- Set Aside More Time to Date Your Spouse.**
- When You Are Out...**

... Try Your Best to Make Sure Kids/ Grandkids Aren't Topic Of Conversation.

"And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony" -Col 3:14

Pray

a Successful Marriage Consists Of Three People:

- **Husband**
- **Wife**
- **God**

•Involve Him More, Even in the So-called “Little Things”

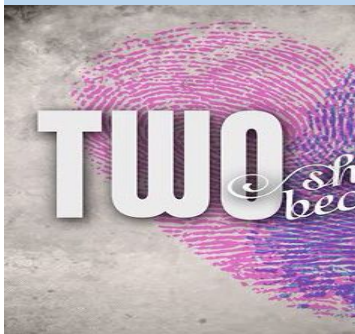
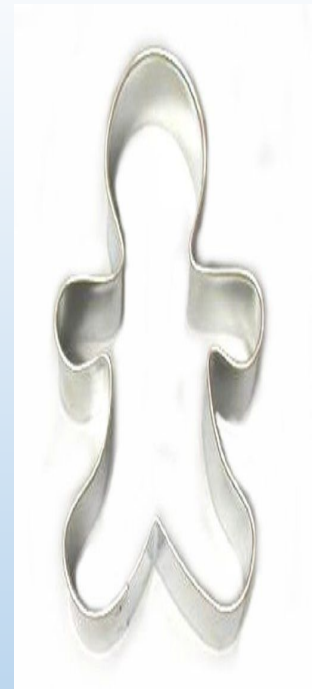
“Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!”

-I Chron 16:11



Wrap It Up

- **Stop...**
 - **Take Your Spouse Off Your Potter's Wheel**
- **Drop...**
 - **Turn Them Over to the Master Potter**
- **Roll...**
 - **Quit Focusing on the Negative ONLY**
 - **Find Some Positives and Roll On!**



There is 100 % Opportunity for Your Marriage to...
Do more than Survive...
... But to Thrive

