

The Power Behind A Good Marriage

Part One

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1. THE PLAN - **Genesis 2:18–24**
God's Five-Point Plan For Marriage:
 1. Attraction
 2. Clear the Table
 3. Commitment
 4. Unity
 5. Intimacy

Ecclesiastes 4:9–12

2. THE POWER - **Ephesians 1:15-22**
3. THE PROVISION - **Philippians 3:12 & 13**
 - A. The power to *fathom* my mate's differences.

1 Corinthians 2:11 & 12

FATHOM =

1 Peter 3:7

Name some differences between men and women (other than the obvious).

Proverbs 24:3

How do you know when you have wisdom and understanding?

What if you try to, but can't understand?

James 1:5 & 6

Proverbs 3:5 & 6

- B. The power to *fulfill* my mate's needs.

1 Corinthians 7:3

Philippians 2:4

What is the root problem in marriage?

Philippians 2:13

- C. The power to *forgive* my mate's mistakes.

Proverbs 21:19

Ephesians 4:31 & 32

Colossians 3:13

Ephesians 5:21

CONCLUSION

- **Romans 10:8–10**
- **Philippians 2:12 & 13**
- **Isaiah 66:2**
- **2 Timothy 3:16 & 17**

The Protection of A Good Marriage

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Exodus 20:14
Hebrews 13:4

1. GOD'S PERSPECTIVE OF THE PROBLEM

Proverbs 22:14

Matthew 26:41

What causes affairs?

- A. Unmet needs. **1 Corinthians 7:3**
- B. Unfulfilled expectations. **Philippians 2:3 & 4, Ephesians 5:21**
- C. Under-developed maturity. **Genesis 3:1–6, 1 John 2:16, Proverbs 16:18**
- D. Unresolved conflict. **Proverbs 18:19, Ephesians 4:31 & 32, Proverbs 15:1**
- E. Uncontrolled thoughts. **Job 31:1, Matthew 5:29**
- F. Unprotected lifestyle. **1 Corinthians 10:12, Jeremiah 17:9, 1 Thessalonians 5:22**
- G. Unreliable commitment. **Deuteronomy 23:21, Psalms 116:14, Proverbs 20:25**

2. GOD'S PRESAGE OF THE PROCESS OF IMMORALITY

Enticement => Lust => Sin => Death

James 1:14 & 15

- A. Accepting sinful thoughts in your mind. **Jeremiah 17:9, 2 Corinthians 10:4 & 5, Matthew 5:28**
- B. Emotional involvement. **Proverbs 5:3–8**
- C. Physical involvement. **Proverbs 7:6–13**
- D. Rationalization of the affair. **Isaiah 29:15, Proverbs 14:9, Proverbs 28:13**

3. GOD'S PATHWAY BACK TO PURITY

- A. Acknowledge the sin. **Psalms 51:1–4**
- B. End the relationship immediately. **Hebrews 3:15**
- C. Avoid all contact. **1 Corinthians 10:13, Matthew 16:26**

4. GOD'S PREVENTION PLAN

- A. Make a commitment to God's standard of morality. **Psalms 119:9, Song of Solomon 8:6**
Follow God's five-point plan in **Genesis 2:18–25**:
 1. Attraction
 2. Clear the Table
 3. Commitment
 4. Unity
 5. Intimacy
- B. Maintain your marriage. **1 Corinthians 7:5, Proverbs 5:15–18**
- C. Manage your mind. **2 Timothy 2:22, Romans 12:1 & 2, 2 Timothy 4:5, Philippians 4:8**
- D. Monitor your media intake. **Psalms 101:1–3, Romans 16:19**
- E. Minimize the opportunity to be tempted.
1 Corinthians 10:12, Matthew 26:41, 1 Corinthians 15:33
- F. Maintain proper relationships with members of the opposite sex. **Ephesians 5:3**
- G. Magnify the consequences.
Hebrews 11:25, Proverbs 6:32, Proverbs 6:26, 1 Thessalonians 4:3 & 6, Proverbs 16:6

THE LANGUAGES OF LOVE

Rate in the order of importance: 1 = most important, 2 = next most important, etc. Cite examples of each.

[] Quality Time

[] Words of Affirmation

[] Acts of Service

[] Physical Touch

[] Gifts
