

# PRESCRIPTIONS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY MARRIAGE

## I. **Physical Examination/Vital Signs: (Genesis 2:24)**

“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife, and the two shall become one”.

1. Leave

2. Cleave (Eph 5:25)

“Husbands, love your wives just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her”.

3. Become one (Gen 2:18)

“It is not good for the man to be alone”

A. Growing in oneness **Spiritually**.

a. \_\_\_\_\_ together.

b. Fellowship in the \_\_\_\_\_ together.

c. \_\_\_\_\_ together.

d. Support her in her own ministry.

B. Growing in oneness **Relationally**.

a. Initiate regular \_\_\_\_\_. Have fun together!

b. \_\_\_\_\_ blessings together.

c. Know her \_\_\_\_\_.

d. Phone etiquette.

C. Growing in oneness **Physically**.

a. Physical intimacy is a barometer of relational closeness.

b. Importance of \_\_\_\_\_.

c. “Women are spaghetti and men are waffles”

## II. **Blood Work/Genetic testing**

A. What is the DNA foundation of your marriage? (1Cor. 3:11)

“For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that is already laid, which is Jesus Christ”.

### III. Pathology in Marriage

#### A. Rx of Dermatitis (A Critical Spirit): The Principle Of Receiving.

- a. Congratulations! The two of you are \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. "Marriage is incompatibility learning to be compatible".
- c. Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-9).
- d. To \_\_\_\_\_ means to accept, embrace (Romans 15:7).  
"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God".
- e. \_\_\_\_\_: Seeing differences as faults, frustrations.
- f. Adopt an attitude of \_\_\_\_\_.
- g. Seek to **understand** rather than \_\_\_\_\_. (I Peter 3:7)
- h. Extend \_\_\_\_\_ where each other is weak.

#### B. Rx of Hearing Loss (Poor Communication).

- a. Hearing Aids: Learn to \_\_\_\_\_ to her.
  - i. Don't try to **fix** the problem!
- b. Enter into her \_\_\_\_\_ (Gal. 6:2)  
"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ".

#### C. Rx of Cancer (Selfishness): Being A Servant Leader (Phil 2:3-4).

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others".

- a. Honey do's
- b. Be the first to initiate \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. Where does the **power to serve** come from? (John 13:3-5)
  - i. Jesus knew three things about himself:
    1. Where He came from.
    2. Who He was.
    3. Where He was going.

**D. Rx of Attention Deficit Disorder (A Distracted Husband).**

Distractions: work, hobbies, recreation

Is there an \_\_\_\_\_ competing for attention in your life?

**E. Rx of Anemia (A Passive Husband).**

“She is totally capable of handling that”.

Are you leading your family \_\_\_\_\_? (Joshua 24:15)

“But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord”.

Are you engaging with your kids regularly?

Are you initiating \_\_\_\_\_ with your wife?

Begin “rebuilding the walls” today! (Neh. 2:11-18)

**F. Rx of Vision Problems (Temptations) (I Cor. 10:13).**

**G. Lancing the Boil (Dealing With Unresolved Conflict).**

- a. Approach one another with \_\_\_\_\_ and maturity.
- b. Pick a moment of \_\_\_\_\_ to discuss the issue.
- c. Pick the right \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. Ask, “How can I change?”
- e. Accept rebuke.
- f. Be quick to ask for and extend \_\_\_\_\_.

**Take a few moments to look over your outline. What are some action items you can apply in each of these three areas when you get back home?**

**1) Physical Exam/Vital Signs: (leave, cleave, become one).**

- a.
- b.

**2) Blood Work/Genetic Testing (your spiritual foundation).**

- a.
- b.

**3) Pathology in Your Marriage**

- a.
- b.