

Marriage Seminar, Part 1

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I. Introduction.

II. Spouses must be willing to work at their relationship. (Proverbs 27:17)

III. Spouses must develop an intimate, warm relationship with God. (Jeremiah 23:24, Genesis 2)

IV. Spouses must get to know and understand one another.

A. Why questions put people on the defensive and suggest we are not accepting the other person.

B. Using superlatives in an accusatory way can hurt.

C. A fundamental difference between you and your spouse can cause the conflict if that difference has not been dealt with.

V. Pray to understand your partner better. (James 1:5)

VI. God gave two distinct personalities in marriage to be united together. (Proverbs 24:3-4)

VII. It takes work to become best friends in marriage.

A. We need to be aware that we need God's help.

B. We have to be students of ourselves.

C. We have to be students of our spouses.

Application questions:

1. Why is your relationship with God integral to a healthy marriage?

2. What are some areas you can understand your spouse better?

3. How can differences in marriage cause conflict? How can they be an asset?
