

Roles by Design

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I. Introduction.

- A. The marriage relationship is purposefully compared to the relationship Christ has with the church.
- B. The goal in marriage is to finish well.
- C. God sets the standards.

II. God has made every person different and has arranged them together. (1 Corinthians 12:14)

- A. We need to understand each other.
- B. Every person is indispensable.
- C. There should be no division in the body.

III. Differences between spouses go beyond gender differences.

IV. Things to avoid in our relationships.

- A. A wrong tone of voice.
- B. Accusatory questions.

V. We need to take some things into consideration to know each other such as personality differences.

- A. Most of the time things are not wrong—they are just different.
- B. Be kind, understanding and forgiving toward one another. (Ephesians 4:32)
- C. Accept one another in Christ. (Romans 15:5-7)

Application questions:

1. What are some differences you have with your spouse that cause conflict?

2. How can you communicate about those differences in a healthy way?

3. What are some ways you can adapt to your spouse? Explain.
