

Differences

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I. Introduction.

- A. God can mend a broken marriage if we give him all the pieces.
- B. Backgrounds, personality, preferences and gender can bring a lot of differences to marriage.
- C. You will be different from your spouse, but we can understand those differences.

II. Be understanding, be kind and be forgiving toward your spouse. (Ephesians 4:32)

III. To know your spouse you have to study him.

IV. Love is a feeling to be learned.

V. General gender differences.

- A. Men tend to be more objective. Women tend to be more subjective.
- B. Men tend to be more essential minded. Women tend to be more detail minded.
- C. Men tend to be logical. Women tend to be emotional.
- D. Men tend to identify with their work. Women tend to identify with their homes.
- E. Men tend to communicate through facts. Women tend to communicate through emotions.

VI. Other sources of differences.

- A. Family background.
- B. Personality differences.

VII. Men should learn to capitalize a woman's intuition.

VIII. To handle differences a spouse should know, understand, adjust and accept his or her mate.

Application questions:

1. How have you seen differences in your mate add strength?

2. What differences do you tend to struggle with the most?

3. How can you turn those differences into something positive?
