

# **Biblical Basis for Marriage**

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Husbands and wives need to deal with conflict appropriately.
- B. Differences should be an asset instead of a liability.

## II. Principles of good interpersonal relationships.

- A. We need to avoid asking accusatory why questions.
- B. We need to be careful about our tone of voice.
- C. We need to avoid superlatives.

## III. God's plan in marriage is to have two people come together, be best friends and grow together. (Proverbs 27:17)

## IV. Requirements for a healthy marriage.

- A. A willingness to work at it.
- B. An intimate relationship with God.
- C. We need to know ourselves.

## V. In order to be one flesh (best friends)...

- A. We need to know we need God's help. (Proverbs 24:3-4)
- B. We need to know ourselves. (James 1:5)
- C. We need to study our spouses. (Ephesians 4:32)
  - 1. Be kind to one another.
  - 2. Be understanding.
  - 3. Forgive one another. (Proverbs 17:9)

## VI. General differences between men and women.

- 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 use speech to communicate facts while women use speech more to communicate feelings.

**Application questions:**

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

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

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

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