

Understanding Differences II

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I. Introduction.

II. God gave us two distinct personalities in marriage that help us to see people and things around us better. (Proverbs 23:24)

III. We need to keep asking for wisdom to keep knowing our spouses and for more love. (James 1:5)

IV. To become one flesh we need...

A. God's supernatural help.

B. To understand ourselves better.

C. To understand our spouses better. (Ephesians 4:32)

1. Be kind to one another.

2. Be understanding.

3. Be forgiving.

V. Begin a lifetime process of studying you and your spouse.

A. Know your spouse's love language: quality time, words of affection, touch, gifts or deeds.

B. Seek a spirit of unity. (Romans 15:5)

VI. Unity. (1 Corinthian 12:14)

A. It is not accidental from God's perspective that you may be married to someone very different from you.

B. Differences are to unite us and not divide us.

Application questions:

1. What are some practical ways a person can grow in knowledge of oneself?

2. How can you get to know your spouse better?

3. How can your differences strengthen you as a couple? Explain.
