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WE **“What It Takes to Make a Marriage Work”**

Genesis 2:18 & 21-25 NKJ

18 And the LORD God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.”

21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. 22 Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. 23 And Adam said: “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.” 24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. 25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Qualities of a Healthy Marriage

1. You have to _____ more than you _____.

One of the key features of marriage is to teach us to move from _____ to _____.

Acts 20:35 b NKJ

And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

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2. You can't take _____ too _____.

Proverbs 17:22 NKJ

22 A merry heart does good, like medicine, But a broken spirit dries the bones.

Proverbs 17:22 Message

22 A cheerful disposition is good for your health; gloom and doom leave you bone-tired.

3. Learn to _____ at _____ levels.

5 Levels of Communication

1. Cliché – “How are you doing?”
2. Factual – “It’s going to be cold today.”
3. Opinions – “Are you really going to wear that?”
4. Emotions – How we feel about something.
5. Transparent – openness-honesty-vulnerability

Ephesians 4:29 & 31-32 NKJ

29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

31 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. 32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

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4. Work on staying _____ in your _____.
_____ is at the core of every failed relationship.

Proverbs 16:18 Message

*18 First pride, then the crash—
the bigger the ego, the harder the fall.*

1 Peter 5:5 b NKJ

“God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.”

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5. Make a _____ that _____ is not an _____!

Matthew 19:3-6 NKJ

3 The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?”

4 And He answered and said to them, “Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’

5 and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one

flesh’ 6 So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.”

Malachi 2:16 Message

16 “I hate divorce,” says the God of Israel. God-of-the-Angel-Armies says, “I hate the violent dismembering of the ‘one flesh’ of marriage.” So watch yourselves. Don’t let your guard down. Don’t cheat.