



Secrets to a Successful Marriage

Principle number Twenty-Five

Marriage is work

A marriage will not be happy if left to itself. It will not just work out by itself. Our flesh and the devil will make sure that our marriage is destroyed. We must discipline ourselves to walk in love with one another by preferring each other above ourselves. We must use self-restraint and respect one another. These twenty-five principles are just a few laws of God to ensure we have a happy marriage. Humble yourself and live by these principles or be lifted in pride and don't. If you will humble yourself God will intervene and help you. If you are lifted in pride your marriage will not survive. If the two of you will put Jesus and His word first in your life and marriage He will take your marriage to a Promised Land of Happiness. God is faithful He will hold you in the palm of His hand and you will be safe and secure if you will put your trust in Him. Life and marriage is a struggle. All of us have issues in our hearts. We all have a sin nature that is selfish to content with and an enemy who constantly tempts us to sin against God and one another. God has given us these principles to save us and to help us find happiness on this earth. Review these principles over and over until they are a part of the way you think. It does not always seem fair to walk in love but its fruit well worth a little suffering. Make yourself a servant to your spouse and both of you serve one another. Don't worry about doing all the work, just do what you need to do to make the marriage work. Every time you make yourself time and serve God will reward you. Life is not perfect and is filled with time of sadness, hurt, failure and disappointment. Don't let this part of life define you and keep you down. Make up your mind you are going to do whatever it takes to have a happy and successful marriage. The hard times will pass and good times will come. Rejoice in the good time and patiently endure the bad times. End the end the good will far outweigh the bad. Stay close to Jesus and your life will have a happy ending.

A Time to Reflect

1. Do I show my spouse respect?
2. Do I do my part and don't worry about their part?
3. Am I trusting God to help me love my spouse?
4. Am I willing to do what it takes to have a successful marriage?
5. Am I committed to go through the good times and the bad and stay committed to my spouse?