

(Psalm 127:1) Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain.

Great Marriages Are No Accident

A recent Harvard Study revealed that only **one** out of 1,246 couples got a divorce if they did just *three simple things on a regular basis*:

1. Pray together.
2. Read the bible together.
3. Attend church together.

3 Farming Principles That Apply to Marriage

1. Hard Work.
2. Commitment.
3. Sacrifice.

*(Genesis 2:18) The LORD God said, "It is **not good** for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."*

(Proverbs 18:22) He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the LORD.

(Ephesians 5:21-25) 21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. 22 Wives submit to your husbands as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her

Husband is likened unto Christ -- *We initiate Love.*

Wife is likened unto the Church – *They respond to Love.*

3 Biblical Truths to Building A Strong Marriage

(Proverbs 24:3-4) By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; 4 through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.

1. Knowledge -- *(Study)*
2. Understanding -- *(Meditation)*
3. Wisdom. -- *(Holy Spirit's Guidance)*

The 3-Legged Stool Paradigm

1. Marriage is a _____ not a _____.

(Malachi 2:13-14) Another thing you do: You flood the LORD's altar with tears. You weep and wail because he no longer pays attention to your offerings or accepts them with pleasure from your hands. 14 You ask, "Why?" It is because the LORD is acting as the witness between you and the wife of your youth, because you have broken faith with her, though she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant.

2. At Marriage, God makes the two individual lives into _____ flesh.

(Genesis 2:24) For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

3. Our Marriage, *Success or Failure* is determined by the _____ we sow.

(Galatians 6:7-8) Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 8 The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.