



Marriage is one of the most important of earthly relationships.

Marriage brings much peace, companionship,

help, and joy. But there are also difficult times. Married partners will find things they don't like in each other, and face conflict from this. Also, as you encounter times of various troubles and difficulties in life, these will most frequently cause problems to also arise between the married partners. However, remember even during all these times, to be faithful to your marriage. Remember that it is an important contract. By always persevering sincerely, we can be saved from the trauma that must be dealt when a marriage falls apart.

The best way to maintain a joyful marriage is revealed in the Injil, God's Word. This small booklet contains God's words from the Injil concerning marriage, and also His commands for married people, for your benefit.

P2 bottom, **True Love is...**

P3 True love is patient. True love is kind.

True love is not jealous.

True love is not proud nor does it boast.

True love is respectful. True love is not selfish.

True love does not become easily angered.

True love does not store up [the memory of] wrongs done to it.

True love does not approve of evil.

Because true love loves the truth.

True love will always protect.

And will always trust.

And will always hope.

True love will never stop persevering like this.

Love never fails [will always succeed]. [1 Cor 13:4-8]

p4-5 bottom: **Love is patient and kind.**

P4, How good it would be if this type of love were the foundation of every marriage!

Each husband should love his wife in the same way that he loves his own self. He who loves his wife shows respect/honor to his own self. Nobody hates his own body/self. Each person feeds and cares for his own body. [Eph 5:28-29]

P5, How can a marriage not break apart but be permanent? What can we do to have this?

Don't be jealous or arrogant, don't make your own desires your first priority, consider the other person as more important than yourself. In the same way that you take care of yourself, take care of the other person. [Phil. 2:3-4]

P6-7 bottom -- **True love demonstrates respect.**

P6, Love means to give. Marriage is giving – not receiving.

Happy Marriage

(cover: couple looking at sunrise)

Every wife should respect her husband. And every husband should love his wife. He should not treat her harshly. [Col 3:18a, 19]

P7, Jesus the Messiah said, "There is more blessing in giving than receiving." [Acts 20:35]

The wife's body is not her own. Her husband has a right to it. In the same way, the husband's body is not his own. His wife has a right to it. Since that is so, do not deprive each other of the marital joy that each of you should receive from the other. [1 Cor 7:3-5a.]

P8-9 Bottom – **Love always trusts.**

P8, Marriage is a very important promise. The marriage shouldn't fall victim to your feelings of love and hate. The meaning of marriage should be that of a sincere permanent commitment.

After two people marry, they become one body. Because of this, no human has the right to separate what God has joined together. [Mark 10:9]

No wife should leave her husband. And even if she leaves her husband, she should not marry another person. The best way is for her to resolve problems by talking with her husband and then be joined together again [=return to their previous marriage relationship]. In the same way, no husband should divorce his wife. He does not have the right to do that. [1 Cor 7:10-11]

P9, God made humans in His image. He made humans as male and female. First, God created the human from the dust of the earth. And breathed the breath of life into the human's nose. At that moment the human lived. God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper-companion for him."

At that time God had made all the animals and flying creatures of the ground and air. But there was not yet a helper-companion for the human. So God put the man into a deep sleep, took a bone from his side, made a woman from that bone, and brought her to the man. The man awoke, and on seeing the woman, said, "This is bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh."

Because of this, each husband, after leaving his father and mother, should become connected /joined to his wife. Then the two of them shall become one body. [Gen. 2:18-24 summarized, Matt 19:4-5, Mark 10:6-8]

P10-11, bottom – **True love loves the truth.**

P10, Both husband and wife should consider each other as the most important person to them. In their life together, they must be faithful first to each other.

Don't let love and faithfulness ever leave you. Put them on like a necklace, and write them [etch them] on your heart. The one who has the qualities of love and faithfulness will be honored by people and God. [Prov 3.3-4]

P11, Respect marriage. Always be faithful to your life partner. Those who do not treat marriage as sacred and are unfaithful will be punished by God. [Heb 13:4]

God desires that you keep your body and soul clean and pure. To keep your body pure and chaste [honorable],

learn to take control of your sexual desires. These are the qualities of people of faith. [I Th 4:3-5]

P12-13, Bottom – ***Love is not easily angered.***

P12, A husband and wife must resolve their problems by talking. If you talk things over together and listen to each other's side, the problems between you will not keep getting larger, but instead can be resolved.

Always, before talking, be ready to listen to what the other person has to say. Also, don't become angry quickly. [Jas 1:19]

Do not sin because you are angry. And do not allow the sun of a new day to rise while you are still angry with someone. [Eph. 4:26]

P13, Pain from words that strike at the heart cause wounds just like those from a sword. But wise words are healing medicine for those wounds. [Prov. 12:18]

Speaking kind words causes anger to become less. Harsh words cause anger to increase. [Prov. 15:1]

Jesus said, "By your words, what is in your heart is made known." [Luke 6:45]

P14, Bottom—***Love does not keep remembering bad things that have been done to it***

P14, Husband and wife must always forgive each other. There is no one who can always do everything right. It is very important for us to forgive one another. Forgiving is a purposeful, sincere decision.

Jesus said, "If you forgive the bad things others have done to you, God will also forgive the bad things you have done. But if you do not forgive others then God will not forgive your sins. [Matt 6:14-15]

Hatred is the cause of so many troubles. But by means of love, all forgiven problems can be resolved. [Prov. 10:12]

P15, Jesus said, "Why do you notice a speck of dust in your friend's eye but do not see a huge beam of wood in your own eye? You say, 'Friend! Let me help you take speck of dust out of your eye.' While saying that, do you not notice the huge beam of wood in your own eye? Don't be a hypocrite! First remove the huge beam from your own eye so that you can see clearly to remove the speck of dust from your friend's eye. [Luke 6:41-42]

Treat each other with patience. As Jesus has forgiven you, so you should also forgive all those who have done bad things to you. Love is more important than anything else. Love is the power that holds all things together. [Col 3:13-14]

p16 – 17, Bottom – ***Love is not self-seeking.***

P16, Think about other people too. Every married couple has responsibilities toward their parents, their children, their friends, and strangers.

If you love your children, you will correct them when they do wrong, and explain to them what they should do.

But if you don't love your children, you will let your children do whatever they want. [Prov 13:24]

Teach your children the right way to live. So that they will always remember it for their whole lives. [Prov 22:6]

Be caring and respectful to your parents. [Deut 5:16]

P17, Jesus said, "Love the lord your God with your heart, soul and mind. This is the first and most important command." "The second most important command is to love others the way you love your own self. [Matthew 22:37-39]

You should love one another sincerely. Because of love, so many sins can be wiped away. Do good to those who come to your house, without complaining about it. [1 Pet. 4:8]

P18-19, Bottom, ***Love always succeeds.***

P18, *Every marriage must face difficult times.* But if you live out your marriage according to what God has said, then God will bless it and give the marriage partners encouragement. Each married couple must consider marriage to be sacred. Marriage is an agreement made before God. If we do not treat marriage as sacred, we are committing a sin. [Heb 13.4 again]

Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you that have had to carry a heavy load and are weary. I will give you rest. Accept and learn what I have spoken to you. My way is gentle and humble. Come to me and obey my words. Then you will have a satisfying and complete life. [Matt. 11:28-29]

Pg 19 Jesus said, " My command and my desire is this: In the same way that I have loved you, love one another." [John 15:12]

A person who obeys the words of Jesus will have certain character qualities: They are, love; joy; peace; patience; kindness; goodness; faithfulness; gentleness; and the power to keep themselves on a straight path. The power to live this way comes from the Holy Spirit of God, which God gives. [Gal. 5:22-23a]

P20: This booklet is based on the following Scriptures: I Corinthians 13.4-8; Ephesians 5:28-29; Philippians 2:3-4; Colossians 3:18-19; I Corinthians 7:3-5; Acts 20:35; Mark 10:9; I Corinthians 7:10-11; Genesis 2:18-24; Proverbs 3:3-4; Hebrews 13:4; I Thessalonians 4:3-5; James 1:19; Ephesians 4:26; Proverbs 12:18, 15:1; Luke 6:45; Matthew 6:14-15; Proverbs 10:12; Luke 6:41-42; Colossians 3:13-14; Proverbs 22:6, 13:24; Deuteronomy 5:16; Matthew 22:37-39; Luke 10:27; I Peter 4:8; Matthew 11:28-29; John 15:12; Galatians 5:22-23.

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