## Marriage

## WHAT ARE THE KEYS TO A HAPPY, STRONG MARRIAGE?

JOSHUA 24:15

A united purpose to serve the Lord.

PROVERBS 5:15; PROVERBS 5:18-19; HEBREWS 13:4

Faithfulness. Without faithfulness there is no real trust or intimacy.

**MATTHEW 19:4-6** 

Commitment.

ROMANS 15:1-2

Sacrifice.

**ROMANS 15:5-7** 

Understanding each other's differences and celebrating them.

**EPHESIANS 5:21-33** 

Mutual submission.

**1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13** 

Love.

**JAMES 5:16** 

Communication.

PROVERBS 31:31

A constant desire to build each other up, to enhance each other's value.

1 CORINTHIANS 7:3; SONG OF SONGS 1:2-4, 12-13

A healthy sex life.

## WHAT BLESSINGS CAN A GOOD WIFE OR HUSBAND BRING TO THE OTHER?

Proverbs 31:10-31; Proverbs 31:11; Proverbs 31:12; Ecclesiastes 9:9

The next time something irritates you about your spouse, keep in mind the blessings your mate brings to you as well—precious times, trust, satisfaction, fulfilled needs, helpfulness, happiness.

## WHY SHOULD WE BE CAREFUL WHOM WE MARRY?

1 Kings 11:2; Ezra 9:2; 2 Corinthians 6:14

The person we marry can build us up or destroy us. The Bible encourages us not to marry someone who is an unbeliever, because it is too easy for that person to tempt us away from our faith. And if we are marrying another believer, we still must be sure we are marrying for the right reasons.

Promise from God: Ephesians 5:31