

REAL LOVE

KEYS TO MARRIAGE

I. _____—THE HEART OF MARRIAGE

“Companionship. It is the bedrock of a marriage.” (Love and War, John and Stasi Eldredge, 126)

John Gottman, renowned marriage researcher says “Happy marriages are based on a deep friendship.”

(The Best Advice I Ever Got On Marriage, Jim Daly, 47)

II. _____—THE PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE

Ephesians 5:32 This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.

Matthew 6:33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

You are called to build a marriage that reminds people of Jesus.

III. _____—THE CHALLENGE TO MARRIAGE

“A happy marriage is the union of two forgivers.” —Ruth Bell Graham

(Love And War, John and Stasi Eldredge, 201)

IV. _____—THE GLUE OF MARRIAGE

Make a commitment to speak life into your spouse.

Proverbs 18:21

The tongue has the power of life and death,
and those who love it will eat its fruit.

Words of affirmation are to your marriage like miracle grow for your plants.

1 Corinthians 13:7

It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Robertson McQuilkin president of Columbia International University.

CONCLUSION: Marriage is beautiful when lived out the way God intended.

NEXT STEPS/RESOURCES:

Marriage Mentor Couples

David and Susan Bohart

Virgil and Ann Severns

READ:

You and Me Forever by Francis & Lisa Chan

The 5 Love Languages by Gary Chapman

The Best Advice I Ever Got On Marriage by Jim Daly

What's it like to be married to me? By Linda Dillow

Love and Respect by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs

Sacred Marriage or A Lifelong Love by Gary Thomas

Video Seminar—Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage—Mark Gungor

April 7 & 8 here at Journey