



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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How to Have a Great Marriage

Your marriage does not have to be just good. It can be great! What separates good marriages from great ones?

Give God His place in your marriage. Remember that Solomon said, “*A threefold cord is not quickly broken*” (**Ecclesiastes 4:12**). Couples who strive to build a relationship with Christ at its center enjoy an enormous advantage over those who do not (**Psalms 127:1**).

Remember your vows. Husbands, did you promise to love, honor, cherish, and protect your spouse, forsaking all others? Wives, did you promise to love, honor, cherish, and obey your spouse, forsaking all others? Consider **Matthew 19:9** and **Hebrews 13:4**.

Express love each day. “*Show the proof of your love*” (**2 Corinthians 8:24**).

Appreciate one another. When you stop to count your blessings, do not forget to count your spouse! “*Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing*” (**Proverbs 18:22**). An attitude of ingratitude will eventually manifest itself in selfish and disrespectful behavior toward one another.

Treat one another as the most important person in the world. Who on earth is more important to you than your spouse? In terms of your relationships with others, no relationship is more important to maintain and to cherish than the one you have with your spouse.

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The GIFT of a Great Relationship

We just love getting gifts, don't we? How wonderful it is having someone think of us and spend time and resources to get us something special. It lets us know that we are loved. And, of course, we should be most thankful for the love and gift God has given us in Christ Jesus (**John 3:16; Eph. 4:7**).

I remember attending a wedding where the minister conducting the service told the couple getting married that they were a gift to one another. That is true. There is nothing more wonderful than being in a healthy and happy relationship with another. In every human relationship we have with others (marital, family, friend, etc.), we need to do our part be a true gift to them.

If we are going to be a “**GIFT**” to those we are in relationship with, then we need to be: **Generous.** Indeed it is better to give than to receive (**Acts 20:35**). To be a gift and blessing to others, let us be sure to give plenty of compliments, kindness, love, selflessness, etc. Shower them with the gift of agape love. It's the gift that keeps on giving.

Interacting. How important it is to spend time with and communicate with those close to us (**1 Pet. 3:7**). The better we get to know the ones we are in relationship with, the better the relationship becomes. Too many neglect the all-important gift of human interaction.

Forgiving. Gifts make us feel better, and nothing feels better than forgiveness. Forgiveness is something that is vital for a great relationship (**Col. 3:12-13**). Sometimes the greatest gift we can give another is to forget the past and move ahead with a fresh slate. Forgiveness is a gift that benefits the giver and the receiver.

Trusting. True love “*bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things*” (**1 Cor. 13:7**). Certainly the concept of trust is seen in this. Trust is a must for a satisfying relationship.

What a blessing God's wonderful gifts to us are (**Jas. 1:17; 2 Cor. 9:15**). And let us remember that part of God's gift to others can be each of us. What a great gift to others we can be by being truly loving, sharing, caring, and involved in their lives.

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