

HOW to GROW a Happier Marriage

1. One of the most common reasons people divorce is they say they have grown _____.
2. Yet when they were dating and first married, they were practically _____ to each other.
3. Their relationship went from being highly _____ to toxic.
4. Relationships and everything else _____ through lack of _____. (Or investing the _____ thing.)
5. Since most of us marry people who are very _____ from ourselves; and we are all so _____ (naturally), it takes a real attitude change to learn to make a marriage healthy.

What the Bible says about the VALUE of a good spouse:

1. "House and wealth are an inheritance from fathers. But a prudent wife is _____." **Proverbs 19:4**
2. "Whoever finds a wife, finds a _____, and obtains _____ from the Lord." **Proverbs 18:22**
3. "I will make him a _____." **Genesis 2:18**
4. "_____ are _____ than one" (productivity, support, protection) **Ecclesiastes 4:9-12.**
5. "In everything, _____ the way you would want to be treated." **- Matthew 7:12**
6. **Ephesians 5**
 - A. "Love your ..." (25) - a verb, not a _____ ... by loving _____ and _____.
 - B. "Giving yourself up for " (25) - to go against your _____, and place them _____ yourself.
 - C. "Sanctify/cleansing" (26) - helping them be a _____ person; _____ up through the Word; Goal: More _____ day by day.
 - D. "Nourish them" (29) - Committed to meet _____ for all around health.
 - E. "Cherish them" (29) - an _____ of valuing and _____ them. **Luke 12:34**

* The Cure for Incompatibility is to commit to meeting each other's most important _____.

* **An Irresistible Husband** learns how to:

1. Be _____. He creates an environment of affection of thoughtfulness that clearly and repeatedly expresses his love for her.
2. Make _____. He sets aside time every day to talk to her.
3. Be _____ and _____. He knows a relationship is built on _____. He shares his feelings, thoughts, and intentions and never misleads.
4. Provide _____. He assumes the responsibility to house, feed, and clothe the family.
5. Be committed to the _____. He gives his time, attention, and energy to the development of the children's lives.

* **An Irresistible Wife** learns how to:

1. Show _____ and _____. She appreciates him more than anyone, avoids _____ him, praises him for his value, and helps him maintain self-confidence.
2. Meet his needs _____. Together they learn how to have an enjoyable and satisfying physical relationship that honors God.
3. Be his _____. She becomes his favorite recreational companion and develops an interest in the things he enjoys.
4. Be _____. She keeps herself physically fit and dresses (hair & makeup) in ways he finds attractive and tasteful.
5. Bring _____ to their home. She creates a home that offers him a refuge from the stresses of life, and does so in a way that encourages him to spend time at home, enjoying his family,

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