

Marriage Math 101

$1 + 1 = 1$

$1 \text{ _____} + 1 \text{ _____} = 1 \text{ _____}$

God's Design for Marriage: _____

GOD'S PURPOSES FOR MARRIAGE

1. _____
Gen. 2: 18 "It is not good for the man to be alone"
2. Produce a Godly _____
Gen. 1: 28 "Be fruitful and multiply..."
3. Reflect God's _____
Gen. 1: 26-27 "Let Us make man in Our image"
4. Picture the relationship of Christ and the _____
Eph. 5: 21-33 (Note: v. 31)

GOD'S PLAN FOR ACHIEVING HIS PURPOSES FOR MARRIAGE

Adam's Example Gen 2: 23
He _____ Eve as a gift from God

Scripture's Explanation Gen. 2: 24-26
Leave

Cleave

Become one flesh (Partly Immediate / Partly a Process)

- Physical
- Relational

$1 + 1 = 2$

$1 \text{ _____} + 1 \text{ _____} = 2 \text{ _____}$

Sin's Effects On Marriage: _____

SIN'S ROOT: _____

Described Isaiah 53: 6
Illustrated Isaiah 14; Ezekiel 28 Fall of _____
 Gen 3: 1-7 Fall of _____

SIN'S FRUIT: _____, DIVISION, DIFFICULTIES, DEATH
Gen. 3: 8 – 24

SIN'S CANCELLATION: THE CROSS AND BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST

Eph. 1: 7
Col. 2: 14
Psalm 103: 12
1 John 1: 7 – 9

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Couple's Harmony in Marriage: _____

SYNERGY: THE _____ IS GREATER THAN THE SUM OF
THE _____.

Illustration: Horse-pull competition

Ecclesiastes 4: 9 – 12

Note: (vs. 12) The Importance of the _____ – fold cord

Ps. 127: 1 – 2

John 15: 5

Phil. 4: 13

PERSONAL APPLICATION: Ask ourselves – What is the condition of MY heart?

Am I as ONE with God as I would like to be? With my spouse?

Prayer: Psalm 139: 23 – 24

The Key to Oneness: _____

Communication: It is ...

Essential for Oneness.

1 Cor. 2: 11

A powerful tool for unity.

Genesis 11: 1 – 9

Vulnerable to abuse (miscommunication).

Eph. 4: 29

James 3: 1 – 18

Eph 4: 15

Difficulties with communication

More than just the words said, but HOW you say them, what you DON'T say; accompanying facial expressions and other non-verbals

Various LEVELS of verbal communication.

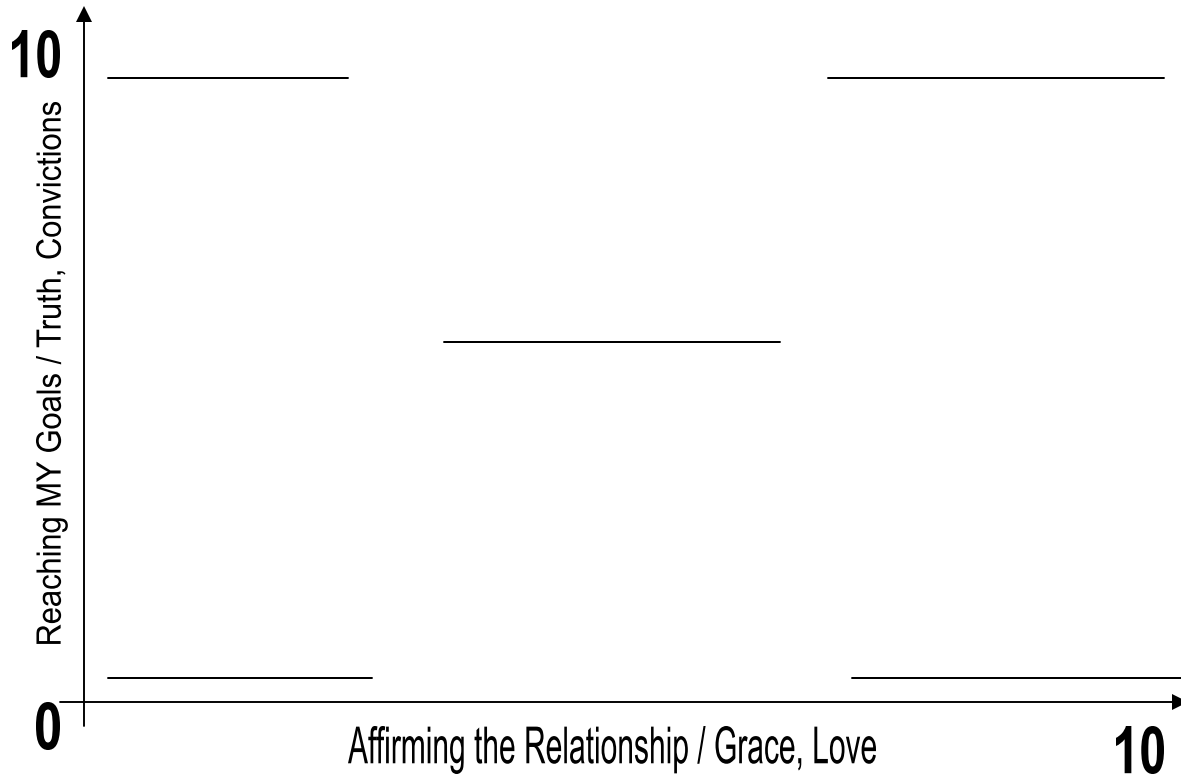
1. cliché
2. Fact
3. Opinion
4. Emotion
5. Transparency

Our Differences Affect our Communication

- Background (Family, Cultural)
- Gender
- Personality
- Love Languages

Bottom Line: There are lots of factors that can complicate the process of true, genuine, open communication, but if it is truly important to us to understand each other, then we will have to value the TIME, TRUST, TRANSPARENCY that it takes to accomplish it!

Responses to Conflict



Biblical Instruction on Resolving Conflict

Matthew 18: 15 – 17

Gal. 6: 1 – 3

Matt 5: 23 – 24

Romans 12: 18

ANGER

1. What is the source of Anger?

1 John 4: 8

1 Peter 1: 16

Psalm 7: 14

Why do we experience anger?

2. What is the purpose of anger?

To motivate us to take appropriate _____. Right the wrong!

Note: how God handles anger

Rom 12:19

Jeremiah 3: 12-13

2 Types of Anger

1. Definitive Anger

Gal 2: 11-14

2. Distorted Anger

Gen 4: 4-7

2 Kings 5: 9-12

3. How do we process anger in a positive way?

1. _____ your anger

2. _____ your immediate response

Prov. 19: 11

Take a Time Out!

3. Locate the focus of your anger

Ask – Why am I angry?

What wrong was committed?

4. Take constructive action.

If Distorted anger ...

Confess _____ selfishness

If Definitive anger ...

- Lovingly _____ the offender
“I’m feeling angry right now. But don’t worry, I’m not going to attack you. But I do need your help. Is this a good time to talk?”
- If he repents, forgive Him.
Luke 17: 3-4
Gal. 6: 2
- If they don’t repent, or deny it ...
Release _____ and the _____ to God
Rom. 12: 19
1 Peter 2: 23
If you hold the anger it will turn to bitterness (Eph 4: 32)
- Return Good for evil. (Rom 12: 19)

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