

WAR DEPARTMENT
BASIC TRAINING
 The Alert Soldier

Why endure a mediocre marriage when God makes it possible to enjoy a great one?

Strong, healthy marriages don't just happen. They result from couples who know the value of working together to provide an environment of creative effort and quality time.

WARM UP

Healthy and wholesome marriages and families are the fabric and foundation of any productive society and as such are always under attack by forces that oppose. The author C.S. Lewis states, "There is no neutral ground in the universe, every square inch and every split second is claimed by God and counter-claimed by Satan".

BACKGROUND

A man who honours his wife will protect, respect, help and stay with her. He will lighten her load wherever he can. He will be sensitive to her needs and he will relate to her with courtesy, consideration, insight and tact. If a man is not considerate and respectful of his wife, his prayers will be hindered because a close relationship with God depends on right relationships with others.



READ 1 Peter 3:7



QUESTIONS FOR INTERACTION

1. What plans have I made that enable me to spend quality time with my wife?
2. What mechanisms have we put in place that ensure we have an ability to communicate and negotiate so we are hearing each other?

CONSIDER THIS

Research in this country and overseas has proven that divorce is not a disease but a device we use to bury an unhealthy relationship that would have been sick a long time before the divorce took place.

Good marriages are not a matter of chance but choice.

3. If 1 Peter 3:7 says, "I am to live with my wife in an understanding manner," what are the main areas of "understanding her" that I struggle with?

4. Knowing it takes "two to tango" what areas do I need to brush up on to feed this relationship and keep my marriage healthy?



WRAP-UP Share with the group advice that you would give to a groom that would help enrich his future marriage.



IT'S TIME FOR PRAYER

RESPONSE AS A PROMISE KEEPER

1. During the next month I will initiate a special time for my wife and I to spend time with God together.
2. At work I will share with my workmates the importance of marriage relationships that last.