

# THE MARRIAGE REF

PART 1: MAKING THE CALL

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10. Be willing to be \_\_\_\_\_, compromise, and apologize.

11. Never go to bed with unresolved conflicts.

Ephesians 4:26-27 In your anger do not sin: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, 27 and do not give the devil a foothold.

12. After a disagreement, do an act of kindness to let your spouse know you are ready to move forward in the relationship.

Proverbs 24:3 By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ start.



Luke 14:28-30 Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? 29 For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, 30 saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish."

2. Illegal \_\_\_\_\_ / Too many men/women on the field.



Job 31:1 I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a girl.

3. Not enough \_\_\_\_\_.



4. Too much \_\_\_\_\_.



5. Personal foul / Illegal use of \_\_\_\_\_.



*\*All scriptures are from the NIV translation unless otherwise noted.*

# RULES OF ENGAGEMENT IN CONFLICT

## 6. \_\_\_\_\_ your spouse.



1 Corinthians 8:9-13 Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak. 10 For if someone with a weak conscience sees you, with all your knowledge, eating in an idol's temple, won't that person be emboldened to eat what is sacrificed to idols? 11 So this weak brother or sister, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge. 12 When you sin against them in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. 13 Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother or sister to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause them to fall.

## 7. Incomplete \_\_\_\_\_.



Proverbs 16: 24 NASB Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.

## 8. Failure to take a \_\_\_\_\_.



## 9. Intentional \_\_\_\_\_.



Proverbs 12:18 Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

## 10. Lack of \_\_\_\_\_.



## 11. Touchdown!



Proverbs 15:18 NASB A hot-tempered man stirs up strife, but the slow to anger calms a dispute.

1. Listen first, \_\_\_\_\_ second.
2. Never attempt to communicate when you are "HALT."
  - Hungry,
  - Angry,
  - Lonely,
  - Tired
3. Call a \_\_\_\_\_ if tempers get hot.
4. Share feelings versus \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Avoid using all-inclusive words like "\_\_\_\_\_" and "always."
6. Stay focused on the topic at hand. Don't pile on old issues.
7. Find the common ground. Not my way or your way, but \_\_\_\_\_ way.
8. Value your relationship \_\_\_\_\_ than being right or wrong.
9. Keep communication respectful and at a conversation level.