

Relationships

LAST A LIFETIME

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2015

PART 4: WE-HARMONY

1. We _____ together and individually.

Galatians 5:22 (TLB) But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

1 John 1:7 (TLB) But if we are living in the light of God's presence, just as Christ does, then we have wonderful fellowship and joy with each other, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from every sin.

Matthew 18:19 (NIV) Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.

2. We are committed to _____ and change.

Philippians 1:6 (NIV) Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

SOLUTIONS:

- ❖ Friends
- ❖ Mentors
- ❖ Conferences
- ❖ Reading
- ❖ Counseling

3. We know _____ will always be a part of our relationship.

- ❖ Our goal is to find AGREEMENT when a disagreement arises.

SOLUTIONS:

- ❖ Avoid the words, "Always" and "Never."
- ❖ Rather than attempting to resolve an issue "my way" or "your way," work toward a solution that represents "our way."
- ❖ Never forget your relationship with your spouse is far more important than "winning" an argument or "being right."
- ❖ Be truthful without attacking by using "The XYZ Formula: In situation X, when you do Y, then I feel Z."

Proverbs 13:10 (TLB) "Pride leads to arguments; be humble, take advice, and become wise."

Ephesians 4:29: (NIV) "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only that which is helpful for building others up, according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."

- ❖ Be quick to apologize, quick to forgive, and quick to move on from the conflict

Ephesians 4:32 (NIV) Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

4. We encourage and _____ one another.

Romans 12:10 (NIV) Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

Philippians 2:3-4 (NIV) Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Proverbs 31:28 (NIV) Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:

Proverbs 31:30-31 (NIV) Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. 31 Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

5. We are _____ in spending _____ together.

SOLUTIONS:

- ❖ Block your calendar for marriage and family time.
- ❖ Establish early bed times for the kids.
- ❖ Your bedroom is your refuge – no kids allowed.
- ❖ Go on at least one date per week.
- ❖ Take one honeymoon per year.
- ❖ Take walks or hikes together.
- ❖ Set time aside each evening to talk, kiss, and cuddle.
- ❖ Find mutual hobbies of interest.
- ❖ Worship and serve together at church. (FREE babysitting!)