

Rekindling the Fires of Love

How To Create Change

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"For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and **be joined** to his wife; and they shall become **one flesh**." *Genesis 2:24 NASB95*

[Jesus] "So they are **no longer two**, but one. No human being must separate, then, what God has joined together." *Matthew 19:6 GNT*

1. Typical Commitment Destroyers

- Toxic _____
- Preemptory strikes
- _____
- Lying/hiding the truth

2. Typical Feelings:

3. _____ of Commitment

H _____

Headship

1. _____

"As also Christ is head of the church. He is the **Savior of the body**... Husbands **love your wives**, just as also Christ loved the church and **gave Himself** for her, to make her holy, cleansing her in the washing of water by the word. He did this to present the church to Himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but holy and blameless. In the same way, **husbands should love their wives as their own bodies**. He who loves his wife loves himself." *Ephesians 5:23-28 HCSB*

2. _____

"That is what the Son of Man has done: **He came to serve, not to be served**—and then to give away his life in exchange for many who are held hostage." *Mark 10:45 MSG*

3. _____

"You husbands ... live with your wives **in an understanding way**, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and **show her honor** as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered." *1 Peter 3:7 NASB*

Submission

"But as the church is **subject** to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands **in everything**." *Ephesians 5:24 NASB*

1. _____

"Every wife must **respect** [GNB] / **honor** [MSG] her husband." *Ephesians 5:33*

2. _____: Words of love and affirmation

3. _____: Communicate Trust

A _____

"**Have this attitude in yourselves** which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." *Philippians 2:5-8 NASB*

1. Attitude is the _____

2. What would happen to your marriage if you prayed every morning: "Lord, _____ to be the husband/wife my partner needs, I am willing to do it"?

- What is one thing your partner would like to see changed in you?
- What is the one dream your partner dreams the most? How could you help it come true?