

The Five Pillars of a Great Marriage

The common agreements made by successful couples:

1. They will never consider divorce as a remedy for their problems

(The Lord Jesus will not *write me off* for any reason nor will I *write you off* for any reason.)

2. They will love one another unconditionally

(Throughout the centuries Christians have understood that God required them to love those who hurt them; therefore, there is nothing you can do or say that will make me stop loving you.)

3. They will always be kind to each other

(Hearts are changed when people can hear from God in an environment of peace; it is my prayer that the kindness I extend to you in every circumstance will promote that peace.)

4. They will accommodate each other's requests whenever possible

(Because we are so different and I want your life to be full, I will subordinate my interests to yours whenever it is possible to do so.)

5. They will live a life of total integrity

(Understanding that honesty is fundamental to all human relationships, I will never lie to you or deceive you.)

Matt 19:3-6 NIV

Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?"

"Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."