



**Sixteen
necessary
qualities for a
successful
marriage**

“How to experience a oneness
of spirit in your marriage”





Commitment
(Romans 7:1-3)



- Am I committed to stay married, regardless of my feelings or other circumstances, until separated by death?
- Does my spouse know that I will never divorce them for any reason?
- Next to my relationship with God, is my relationship with my spouse the highest priority in my life?
- Do I faithfully pray for my spouse?



Serving (Mark 10:44)

- Do I put my spouses needs and desires ahead of my own?
- Do I look for creative ways to please my spouse?
- Am I content to serve, even when my spouse doesn't seem to notice or appreciate my efforts?
- Do I seek to help my spouse, especially when they are tired, sick or under pressure?

Yielding Rights (Philippians 2:5-8)



- Have I yielded all my expectations concerning my spouse to the Lord?
- Do trust God alone to meet all of my physical, emotional and spiritual needs?
- Have I yielded to God my "right" to my own time, fulfillment of personal desires, possessions and independence?
- How do I respond when I feel my rights have been violated (anger / impatience)?

Forgiveness (Colossians 3:13)



- Do I seek to resolve each conflict or misunderstanding as soon as possible?
- Am I willing to "forgive and forget" past failures, and not hold it against them?
- Am I quick to say – *"I was wrong, will you please forgive me."*



Humility
(Philippians 2:3)

- Do take the first step in reconciliation?
- I am quick to admit my faults?
- Am I content to not have the last word?
- Am I willing to relinquish my right to be understood?
- Do I always have to prove my point or be right in an argument?
- Do I manipulate my spouse to get my own way?



Leadership
(Husband)
(Ephesians 5:23)

- Do I have a personal devotional life?
- Do I have a prayer life?
- I am I faithful in attending my Local Church?
- Do I seek the Lord in decisions?
- Am I a spiritual example to be followed?
- Do I possess the qualities of a spiritual man?

Submission
(Wife)
(Ephesians 5:22-24)



- Do I willingly yield to my husband's authority in all things?
- Do I communicate an attitude of submission, as well as submissive actions?
- Do I seek my husband's counsel?
- Do I act independently of my husband?
- Am I teaching our children, by my example and words, to honor and obey their father?

Patience
(1 Corinthians 13:4)



- Do I respond graciously to interruptions and irritations?
- Am I willing to overlook imperfections in my spouse or do I express impatience and try to change them?
- Do I take time to discuss various issues and decisions with my spouse?
- Am I patient when my spouse is under emotional or physical pressure and stress?



Sensitivity
(1 Peter 3:7)

- Do I sense when there is something wrong with my spouse?
- Do I remember important days and special occasions?
- Do I still court my spouse?
- Before I speak, do I stop to think of how my words will affect my spouse?
- I am sensitive to my spouses needs?

Communication
(Ephesians 4:25-29)



- Is my spouse my closest confidant?
- Do I always tell my spouse the truth?
- Do I avoid sarcasm, hurtful remarks, public criticism or disagreement?
- Do I regularly compliment my spouse?
- Do I listen attentively when my spouse speaks to me?
- Do I value my spouse's opinion?
- Do I avoid interrupting or contradicting my spouse?



Kindness
(Ephesians 4:32)

- Do I treat my spouse as graciously as I would a guest?
- Do I go out of my way to perform special acts of kindness for my spouse?
- Am I well mannered at home and in public, or do I cause my spouse embarrassment?
- Do I do unexpected things to show my spouse that I love them?

Purity
(Ephesians 5:3-4)



- Do I keep my mind free from books, magazines, internet, or entertainment that could stimulate fantasizing or thoughts that are not morally pure?
- Wife – Do I dress modestly?
- Husband – Do I look down and away when I see an immodestly dressed woman?
- Do I avoid suggestive humor, conversation and behavior?

Gratitude
(Proverbs 31:10, 26-28)

- Do I regularly express appreciation for my spouse?
- Do I praise my spouse?
- Do I regularly say thank you for _____?



Loyalty
(II Corinthians 13:7)



- Do I speak well of my spouse to others?
- Do I focus on my spouse's successes and positive traits, rather than their weaknesses and failures?
- Do I hold in confidence personal matters that my spouse shares with me?
- Do I support my spouse even in times of personal failure?

Acceptance
(Romans 15:7)



- Do I love, accept and admire my spouse?
- Does my spouse feel that they have the freedom to fail, without fear of criticism or rejection?
- Do I express unconditional love for my spouse?

Availability
(I Corinthians 7:3-5)



- Does my spouse know that they have access to me, whenever they need me?
- Do I ensure that my spouse and I have regular times alone together?
- Am I willing to adjust my schedule to meet my spouse's needs?
- Am I willing to offer physical love, regardless of my personal feelings or desires?
