

# HOW TO SURVIVE MARRIAGE

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*“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit.” - Ephesians 4:3*

Four steps to building a solid foundation:

## I. Perceive the \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Something is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Jeremiah 6:14-15** “They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious. ‘Peace, peace,’ they say, when there is no peace. Are they ashamed of their loathsome conduct? No, they have no shame at all; they do not even know how to blush.”

B. “The \_\_\_\_\_ is NOT the problem!”

**Malachi 2:16a** “I hate divorce,” says the LORD God of Israel...”

## II. Avoid bad \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Choose your \_\_\_\_\_ Carefully.

**Proverbs 13:20** “He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.”

B. The “World’s” way leads to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Proverbs 14:12** “There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.”

**John 10:10** “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

## III. Repent of Rotten \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Seek and give \_\_\_\_\_.

**Colossians 3:12-14** “Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”

## IV. Choose God’s \_\_\_\_\_.

A. It’s a \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ decision.

**Deuteronomy 30:19** “This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live...”

B. God’s way leads to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Deuteronomy 5:29** “Oh, that their hearts would be inclined to fear me and keep all my commands always, so that it might go well with them and their children forever!”

C. Four “P’s” of \_\_\_\_\_ your marriage.

**Proverbs 1:33** “Whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm.”

1. Be \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Be \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Be \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Be \_\_\_\_\_.

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