

# Making & Keeping, The Marriage Vow Strong

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## What was the original promise?

- To have and to hold from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish; from this day forward, until death do us part.
- This promise of love must exercise mercy, grace, kindness, and patience to stay strong.

## What is God's expectation?

- Commitment – Mark 10:5-9
- Faithfulness – Ephesians 5:21-33
- Love – 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

## What is God's plan for a healthy marriage?

Look at the following, and judge yourself to see if you are lacking in any of these areas.

- 1. Repentance – 1 John 1:9; James 4:1-10; Matthew 7:1-5**  
Recognizing our own faults and sin, helps us to see clearly; and to remain humble.
- 2. Priorities – Matthew 6:33; Romans 12:1-2**  
Our relationship with Jesus is the key for a healthy marriage.
- 3. Forgiveness – Ephesians 4:31-32; Mark 11:25**  
We are to extend the same grace and mercy to our spouse that God showed us.
- 4. Integrity – Proverbs 11:3; Hebrews 13:4; Luke 16:10; Exodus 20:17; Matthew 5:28**  
Trust is vital; and we must live in a way that causes no doubt to our faithfulness.
- 5. Encouragement – Hebrews 10:24; Philippians 2:3**  
Beside Jesus, our closest friend and biggest supporter should be our spouse.
- 6. Demonstration – 1 John 3:16; Isaiah 1:17**  
The love in our heart will be manifested to our spouse in Godly ways.
- 7. Peace – Philippians 4:4-13**  
Being thankful for our spouse and accepting God's truth removes anxious thoughts.
- 8. Communication – Ephesians 4:15, 29; Proverbs 12:18**  
Honest, loving, and edifying communication is necessary for a healthy relationship.
- 9. Emotions – Proverbs 29:11, 16:32; Galatians 5:22-26; Matthew 5:39**  
We cannot allow stressful circumstances to cause hurt.
- 10. Wisdom – James 3:13-18; Psalm 119:105**  
We must rely on God's word to handle all that we will face in our marriage.
- 11. Holiness – Titus 2:11-14; 2 Peter 1:1-11**  
Our spiritual maturity affects every area of our life, and strengthens our marriage.
- 12. Intimacy – 1 Corinthians 7:2-5; Song of Solomon 8:13-14**  
The emotional and physical needs of our spouse should be of great importance to us.

## "One Another" verses...

- Be devoted to one another. (*Romans 12:10*)
- Accept one another. (*Romans 15:7*)
- Care for one another. (*1 Corinthians 12:25*)
- Support one another. (*Galatians 6:2*)
- Forgive one another. (*Ephesians 4:32*)
- Encourage one another. (*1 Thessalonians 5:11*)
- Spur on one another. (*Hebrews 10:24*)
- Confess to one another. (*James 5:16*)
- Pray for one another. (*James 5:16*)
- Be nice to one another. (*1 Peter 4:9*)
- Serve one another. (*1 Peter 4:10*)
- Love one another. (*1 John 4:11*)