

Marriage on the Rock
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Foundational Laws of Marriage:

Meeting His Needs

Luke 6:37-38 The Law of Giving (for everyone)

37 "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. 38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

The Law of Giving:

1. Biblical giving comes from a heart that is freed from judgement/condemnation/and unforgiveness.
2. The process is about seed and harvest. You must plant in order to receive the blessing of fruit in your life and in your marriage. Giving releases your gifting to grow as you meet the needs of others.
 - No seed no fruit. The planting and the harvesting are all within the marriage covenant.
 - His needs are met as her needs are met....as his needs are met...etc.
 - "You cannot have your needs met in a marriage until you are willing to meet a need you do not have". Jimmy Evans
3. KEY: God will "heal" you so that you can serve each other. The key is healing. IF there is no desire to be healed, then He does not heal you. We need to want to be healed to be use in our marriages.

Ps 139:23-24

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. 24 See if there is any offensive way in me, **and lead me in the way everlasting.** NIV

>We are broken before the Lord to be a ready tool to be used to serve.

> Our vision is to move beyond the action and into an "everlasting way" attitude. Our vision is bigger than just "doing" something for the other person.

Gal 6:7-10 The Law of Sowing and Reaping

7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 8 The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life (**the way everlasting**). 9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. NIV

1. Serving means planting the right seed for the right fruit. Spiritual character comes from biblical truths planted.
2. God will give you strength and insight to protect and care for the seed and to expect a harvest in due time. A harvest for everyone...including you as a wife.

Caring for the Fruit of the Spirit in my Marriage

Gal 5:22-26

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other. NIV

**NINE WAYS TO MEET THE “FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT” NEEDS
OF YOUR HUSBAND/WIFE**

The Fruit of the Spirit is:

With Regard to My Marriage

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| 1. Love | I will show love to my spouse everyday |
| 2. Joy | I will invite the joy of the Lord to rise in me continually. |
| 3. Peace | I will walk in peace and not stress. |
| 4. Kindness | I will show kindness to my spouse always. |
| 5. Goodness | I will do good for my spouse in everyway. |
| 6. Faithfulness | I will be faithful to my spouse in all I do. |
| 7. Gentleness | I will be gentle and not harsh with my spouse. |
| 8. Self-Control | I will not allow myself to get out of control. |

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TUESDAY NIGHTS September 13th thru December 6th

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