

Text: Various Proverbs tape: 96-33
Topic: Marriage. Relating
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Marriage Principles From Proverbs

A Lesson in Relating

24:3-6	1. _____ on it
3:33 15:25 17:13 12:7 14:11	2. Be _____
18:21a 18:6-7 12:25 16:24	3. Watch Your _____
15:27 17:1 15:17 13:8 16:16 22:1	4. Stop Trying to _____
11:16- 17 26:17	5. Be _____
17:22 15:15	6. Stop Being So _____
27:14	

18:16

5:21

7. Love in _____

8. Remember You Are _____

Discussion Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message.

1. Do you think you work on your marriage as hard as you work on other things in your life? What currently gets more of your effort?

What kinds of things can you do to invest more in a better marriage?

2. Is there anything currently in your life that you know does not please God? Think hard and honestly pray the words of Psalm 139:23-24. Write down the things that God brings to your mind.

What is the relationship between those things and the state of your marriage?

3. What would you say is the ratio of "death" to "life" words that you speak to your mate? In another words, for every negative comment you make toward your spouse ("death words") how many edifying comments do you think you make toward your spouse ("life words")?

Realistically speaking, what would you like that ratio to be? How can you start to change that ratio?

4. How much strain do finances have on your marriage?

Do you have a budget that is reasonable and well below your income?

How do you think your marriage would change if you simplified your life?

What things could/should be simplified first?

5. Do you think that if a friend from church came over for dinner tonight you would be kinder and more courteous to him/her than you would to your spouse? Many would be kinder to a guest. Why?

What biblical motivation is there for being kind to your mate?

6. Regardless of the reasons, how negative and critical are you at home?

What do you understand biblical "joy" to be all about? Based on what you know from the Bible, how does one capture this joy?

7. What does your spouse really like to do? Where does your spouse really like to go? What does your spouse really like to receive? (You know what to do!)