

## Good Marriages Don't Just Happen

Extreme Home Makeover For Couples - Part 2 of 12

**"...Live together in harmony and love, as though you only had one mind and spirit between you."** Philippians 2:2 (Phillips)

**"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit..."**  
Ephesians 4:3

SIX INGREDIENTS OF A SATISFYING MARRIAGE:

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

**"Reliable communication permits progress..."**  
Proverbs 13:17 (Living Bible)

*"How is our communication?"*

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**"Show your love by being helpful to each other."**  
Ephesians 4:2 (Good News)

**"Let everyone see that you are unselfish and considerate in all you do."**  
Philippians 4:5 (Living Bible)

*"How considerate am I?"*

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**"...Love does not demand its own way."**  
1 Corinthians 13:5 (Living Bible)

- The greater your differences are in a marriage, the greater your \_\_\_\_\_ for spiritual greatness!

*"How willing am I to compromise?"*

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

**"Let (you mate's) affection fill you at all times with delight..."**  
Proverbs 5:19b (RSV)

**"Enjoy life with your wife, whom you love..."**  
Ecclesiastes 9:9a

*"How am I in courting my mate?"*

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**"I hate divorce," says the Lord... "Make sure that you do not break your promise to be faithful to your (mate)."**  
Malachi 2:16 (Good News)

**"Those who try to gain their own life will lose it; but those who lose their life for my sake will find it."**  
Matthew 10:39 (Good News)

- Commitment: Being \_\_\_\_\_ to be unhappy until we work it out.

*"How committed am I to my mate?"*

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6. \_\_\_\_\_.

**"Your attitude (toward each other) should be the same as that of Jesus Christ."**  
Philippians 2:5

**"We carry God's power around in the unadorned clay pots of our ordinary lives. That's to prevent anyone from confusing God's incomparable power with us. As it is, there's not much chance of that. You know for yourselves that we're not much to look at. But we're not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without his unfolding grace. And anyone united with Christ gets a fresh start."**  
2 Corinthians 4:7,16; 5:17 (Message)

*"How much is Christ the center of my most important relationships?"*

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