

Accept one another

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Scripture

May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus. 6 Then all of you can join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7 therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory. 8 Remember that Christ came as a servant to the Jews to show that God is true to the promises he made to their ancestors.

Action Step

Be confident and realize Jesus is on your side. It is His desire that you have great relationships. Take steps, small steps of appreciating what you do have and put action to it. Tell your spouse and your family what you love about them. Do something, no matter how small. This will demonstrate acceptance and love of one another!

Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank you for accepting us just as we are. Holy Spirit remind us of those wonderful things we've forgotten or overlooked in each other. Help us to be servants, to build what you have given us. Let our garden flourish and thrive, in Jesus' name. Amen!

P.S.

You will usually be attracted to your spouse because of your differences but as time goes on it is your differences that can become your greatest source of conflict unless you accept the differences as they gift, they are.

Thought

One truth that has stood out and helped me in life is understanding we all have strengths and weaknesses. Sometimes the greater the strength, the greater the weaknesses. When you live with someone for a long time, it can be easy to overlook their strengths and only see their weakness. At times we can "look over the fence" and see what someone else has. We might think, "I wish my spouse was more like ... If only they were..." I think we all can be guilty of this. Let me warn you, this can be very dangerous and hazardous. If left unchecked, it can be the undoing and loss of what you do have! Think of it like this: God has given you a garden. It's your life, your spouse, your family etc. Look at what you have and accept each other. Then work on and grow each other. Grow your relationships. Fix or improve what you have. Tend to your own garden.

Accept each other, look at the good in each other and who you both are, and remember the reason you fell in love. See the strengths of your spouse and give grace for the weaknesses. And then (this is very important) think about yourself and the failures and weaknesses you have! "Accept each other just as Christ has accepted you..."

Finally, a key to a great life and relationships is to understand Jesus came as a servant. Think about how you can serve your spouse and family. Don't allow yourself to dwell on what you don't have! But be thankful for who you do have, accept one another, work at making your garden something wonderful!

Other Verses

Acts 20:35, 2 Corinthians 10:12

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