

Live in Harmony With One Another

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Thought

In music there is nothing as wonderful as a beautiful melody and harmony working together. You happen to be a Melody and your spouse is the Harmony or vice versa and how you live and unite determines the tune and song of your life. Good harmony relieves stress and makes you feel so alive. It is proven to have a soothing effect on the human brain, and even promotes healing. There is also nothing worse than music that is out of tune. Marriage is like that. Its either going to be Awesome or AWEful. It is going to have AWE in it either way, so you might as well decide that your AWE is going to be AWESOME by living in Harmony with one another.

In this scripture, Peter gives us the way to live in greater harmony and he simply says "Demonstrate Love" through honor, tenderness, sympathy, kindness and humility. Harmony begins with the simple act of turning towards your partner with these actions.

Tenderness is your inner heart reaction. Love always begins in the heart and letting God move YOUR heart towards your spouse is often the first step to a new song of Harmony in your Marriage.

Honor is the esteem or recognition that your spouse deserves for who they are and what they do for you and the family as well. When your spouse receives honor, you will find a new AWE in confidence, joy and well...in the bedroom.

Sympathy is putting yourself in your partner's shoes, attempting to feel their pain or hurt, sorrow, disappointment or whatever they are going through. When you are in the tough times together it brings you together.

Kindness is often doing something practical or personal that would show your love and bring healing.

Humility is finding yourself in the place to make the first move that will bring you to a place of Harmony once again.

Marriage is Heaven or Hell, It's AWESome or AWful and there is not much in the middle. God's design and desire is that you find your AWESOME in Marriage once again and keep it at AWESOME. Heaven on both earth and heaven happens as we lean on God's word to help us live in a harmonious heaven-like relationship that looks like Jesus and His Bride, the Church.

Other Verses

Romans 12:16

Day 2

Scripture

Husbands, you in turn must treat your wives with tenderness, viewing them as feminine partners who deserve to be honored, for they are co-heirs with you of the "divine grace of life," so that nothing will hinder your prayers. 8 Now, this is the goal: to live in harmony with one another and demonstrate affectionate love,[1] sympathy, and kindness toward other believers. Let humility describe who you are as you dearly love one another. [1 Peter 3:7]

Action Step

In marriage there are many incredible, wonderful days. But as you are aware, the day the baby is born is the day that you begin to change diapers, sleep much less, the laundry piles up, exhaustion settles in and before long the joy can also be overshadowed by the weight, responsibility and pressures of life that can seemingly take over. Our bodies change, and as the kids grow up the pressures of time and work can overtake our schedule. Soon, we can find our priorities are not in the right place and we need to pursue each other in intimacy once again. In life we all face different challenges and crisis that can create a pile-up effect that can either wear you down or cause you to come together like never before. If you are facing adversity right now I want you to see it as opportunity for harmony. Today look for three ways to increase the harmony in your home through pursuing acts of kindness, humility, honor or tenderness.

Today identify where you have been "playing notes" of dishonor, harshness, lack of sympathy and pride which has ruined the harmony in your marriage. Repent and find three ways today to demonstrate kindness to your spouse.

Prayer

Help us Lord to love each other in the way you love us. Help me Lord to bring Heaven in our home by pursuing my spouse and by bringing Harmony to my marriage and honoring you by enjoying this wonderful life we have together. Thank you, Jesus. Amen

P.S.

Did you know that the word Euphoria comes from the word euphony which means a pleasant sounding or harmonious combination. Your marriage can be not just great but euphoric as you work on living in harmony!!