

GETTING ON THE SAME PAGE

Love, Sex, Romance and Reality – Part 3 of 5

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[Jesus]: “But ‘God made them male and female’ from the beginning of creation. ‘This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.’” -- Mark 10:6-8 NLT

1. Seek to understand and appreciate your mate's (uniqueness).

In the same way, you husbands should live with your wives in an understanding way.... – 1 Peter 3:7 NCV

When a man takes a new wife, he is not to go out with the army or be given any business or work duties. He gets one year off simply to be at home making his wife happy. – Deuteronomy 24:5 MSG

- Women use (twice) as many words as men and tend to speak a different “language.”
- Men tend to speak a language of the (head); women speak a language of the heart.
- Women think constantly on multiple levels; men focus on (one) thing at a time.
- Women are more concerned about (people) than projects.
- Men usually feel worth from accomplishments. Women feel more worth from relationships.

Wives, understand and support your husbands by submitting to them in ways that honor the Master. Husbands, go all out in your love for your wives. Don't take advantage of them. – Colossians 3:18-19 MSG

2. Constantly pursue a (Christ-centered) relationship.

Husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the church and gave his life for it. He did this to make the church holy by cleansing it, washing it using water along with spoken words. Then he could present it to himself as a glorious church, without any kind of stain or wrinkle—holy and without faults. So husbands must love their wives.... – Ephesians 5:25-28a GW

- (Pray) together and separately each day.
- Be students of God's Word.
- Maintain a close connection to a strong (church).
- Seek to hear and follow the Holy Spirit as you make decisions.

3. Use (calendars) and compare your (schedules) often.

Pay careful attention, then, to how you walk—not as unwise people but as wise—making the most of the time, because the days are evil. – Ephesians 5:15-16 HCSB

4. Make a (financial plan) together and update it regularly.

By wisdom a house is built; by understanding it is established. By knowledge rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant wealth. – Proverbs 24:3-4 CEB

Marriage is to be honored by all, and husbands and wives must be faithful to each other. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be satisfied with what you have. – Hebrews 13:4-5 GNT

➤ **Agree on your (giving).**

Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. Then he will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine. – Proverbs 3:9-10 NLT

➤ **Save for the future and for the (unexpected).**

Be sensible and store up precious treasures—don't waste them like a fool. – Proverbs 21:20 CEV

➤ **Work a plan to get out of (debt).**

The poor are ruled by the rich, and those who borrow are slaves of moneylenders. – Proverbs 22:7 CEV

➤ **Build (margin) into your budget and your schedule.**

...stupid people spend their money as fast as they get it. – Proverbs 21:20b GNT

This Week at Freedom:

Freedom Youth: Wednesdays in Suite D, 6:00-8:00 (Grades 7-12)

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