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The DNA of Relationships: Part 1

Everything in life that truly matters can be boiled down to relationships. When your relationships are good, life is good. When your relationships are bad, life is bad.

The common thinking today is that after the wedding marriage just happens. But the reality is for marriage to thrive it requires _____.

Genesis 2:18–25

Marriage is God's idea, and to build a fulfilling, lasting marriage, we have to build the marriage relationship according to God's _____.

God's Plan for A Healthy Marriage

1. _____ – the marriage relationship must take priority over every other earthly relationship. (*Genesis 2:24*)
 - In a marriage relationship, the husband and wife must continually invest in the marriage as the first priority of all earthly relationships. We are to give time, attention, and care to our spouse first.
2. _____ – the marriage relationship is a covenant based on commitment. (*Genesis 3:24*)
 - The concept of cleaving is the act of being so committed to the marriage relationship that you don't allow the issues of life to bring separation.

- To cleave means a husband and wife...
 - Address the issues that could bring division.
 - Live with grace and forgive offenses while addressing the problem.
 - Make time for ongoing communication.
- 3. _____ – the marriage relationship requires ongoing investment. (*Genesis 2:24*)
- We weave a vibrant lasting marriage when we...
 - Build a foundation of _____ through honesty.
 - Try to be the biggest _____ in the house. (*Ephesians 5:22–25*)
 - Be grateful for your spouse and don't take them for _____.

"A good marriage is not "made in heaven," but on earth. Love is a fragile commodity which needs to be cultivated and nourished constantly." (Dr. Billy Graham)

Resources:

Love and Respect by Emerson Eggerichs
What Did You Expect by Paul David Tripp
Making Marriage Work by Joyce Myers

Answers: work; plan; Leave; Cleave; Weave; trust; servant; granted

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