

Angie's Marriage Column – April 15, 2015

Top Five Reasons for Successful Marriages

5. Compromise and Resiliency

The top five reasons for successful marriages are:

1. Make God Most Important Part of Life
2. Has Commitment within their moral fiber
3. Knows and applies proper position in the home
4. Forgiving (understands what “real” love is)
- 5. Compromise and Resiliency**

Today we're going to talk about compromise and I believe that a resilient person is much more apt to compromise than a stubborn one. Believe me when I say that two bulls in one pen will never work, or at the very least be a very unhappy marriage. Stubbornness is the opposite of compromise.

I think both husband and wife, if they really and truly have put God number one in their marriage, should be able to give in for the sake of “giving in” when it merits giving in. Sometimes it does not merit giving in or compromising.

If you and your spouse already apply number three into your marriage then you are most-likely compromising as well. But what actually do I mean by compromise with each other? **Well, I don't mean compromise your conscience or the person God made (intends) you to be. The minute you start compromising your beliefs and who you are then you are not being true to yourself. ..and that means you are not being true to God either.**

Look at it this way, you are both in the boat together, the husband is the helmsman and the wife is the helpmeet. However, some wives think they are the helmsman and want to steer a different way than the husband. Where then are you going? Where then can you go? What are you accomplishing? Absolutely

nothing gets accomplished. In this scenario the wife needs to give in and follow her husband. ..this is the Godly way that brings blessings to marriage. We have to remember our place in marriage. God created wives to be their husbands "helpmeet" and by following your husband it makes it so much easier to steer the boat to where you need to go. How many ways can you meet with your husbands, ladies?

SHOW YOUR LOVE

There are many things that couples can do to keep their marriage alive in Jesus Christ. It's up to us to feed our marriage with the wisdom God has given us.

1. Be Willing To Give In and Compromise

Couples need to be willing to pick up the pieces and work with their spouse. Humble yourselves to each other. So many times couples blame one another for the disarray of the marriage because they are hurting inside. No one wants to feel hurt, pain and suffering. But what happens when we don't even try to forgive? The broken pieces of the marriage remain on the floor!

If no one is willing to pick up the pieces the marriage will remain broken. Negative emotions, past baggage, guilt and vulnerability will be carried with you into the next marriage or relationship. Don't think that remarriage is going to make you happy or solve your problems. That's not reality. The reality is you can pick up the pieces and resolve your marital problems and be a better marriage spouse because of it.

2. Change Attitude from "Don't Care" to Commit

So how do you change an attitude from "don't care" to commit? MAKE YOUR MARRIAGE MORE IMPORTANT. This day and age, many of us have not been taught the value of marriage BECAUSE sadly, the churches don't teach the importance of the position of husband and wife, so then couples don't respect each other anymore.

It used to be in the 1950's the wife would respect her husband as being the head of the home, but now-a day's that's all something of the past. But God, the

designer of marriage has not changed his principles for marriage. So what's happening? Well, many of us don't know what the bible says about marriage, even though we "go to church". This "don't care" attitude about the sanctity of marriage is what is killing marriages and families today. What does God say about marriage? God says marriage is for a lifetime! [More about that here!](#)

3. Forgive and Encourage Daily

Realize it's not just the big things that need forgiveness, but the everyday small things too. Forgiveness works very closely with acceptance. In marriage couples need to accept and bear with the person they married. Forgive your husband for leaving the toilet seat up and watching too much television. Forgive your wife for not being a good cook or house cleaner. Do these small things really mean an end to the marriage? Absolutely not!! Work together through compromise and cooperation.

We all have areas that need improved on. The best way to improve on ourselves is to encourage each other. Does that seem backwards to you? It is not backwards when you look at the big picture. When you encourage the person you married, you will be lifting them up in spirit, and in turn, they will see the positive aspects in you and do the same. **Couples absolutely need to encourage one another every day. Instead of finding fault and bringing each other down, find the good in one another and bring each other up.**

4. Appreciate Each Other More

This area in marriage is greatly lacking. Do you want to know why? Some of us take our marriage and everything in it for granted. Some of us never stop to think about all that our spouse does for us. Do we expect too much from the person we married. We somehow think that if only they would do this, or change to be like that, and then we would be happy. But this kind of thinking is not reality, is it?

Stop and notice your marriage. When was the last time you told your spouse how much you appreciate them for all they do? Don't let the doldrums of marriage make you emotionally lazy. Show your appreciation in acts of kindness and love every single day of your marriage. This is where compromise comes in.

5. Realize Who the Creator of Marriage Is

We are not the creators of marriage!! Remember, we have to step down off the pedestal and allow God to go to work in our lives and marriage. As long as we remain on the pedestal we will be closed minded to the wisdom of Gods way for our marriage. God knows what is best for our marriage.

Jesus Christ has already laid out the architectural design for a Christian marriage. **He has given us the wisdom and the knowledge to live marriage God's way!** If we manage our marriage under our own understanding it will have difficulties and possibly fail. We absolutely have to put God first so we can understand how to love the person we married in the ways of Christ. **God is the Master Architect of marriage** and for a happy marriage **we need to base our actions on His design.**

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