

7 Verses That Will Revolutionize Your Marriage

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1. **Titus 2:4 – A Wife Is Commanded to Love Her Husband!**
 - a. Observe that Greek word.
 - b. She is to be his friend.
 - c. Now let's look at the command for the husband:
2. **Ephesians 5:25 – A Husband Is Commanded to Love His Wife!**
 - a. This Greek word is Agape, the same word found in the "love chapter," 1 Corinthians 13.
 - b. Let's go to this chapter and apply the characteristics of this kind of love to our marriages.
3. **1 Corinthians 13:4 – Love Is Patient and Kind; Doesn't Envy, and Isn't Boastful!**
 - a. Patient: This is the opposite of a short fuse. Am I patient with my wife (1 Pet. 3:7)?
 - b. Are you kind to your husband? Polite? Considerate?
 - c. Sometimes spouses become envious of the life/role of their husband or wife. The Bible teaches roles which are the very best for good marriage. We must trust Him.
 - d. Am I boastful in my personality—inflated with my own importance? There's a world of difference in saying, "I'm doing you a favor to love you..." and "I'm so grateful to be loved by you."
4. **1 Corinthians 13:5 – Love Isn't Rude, Proud, Short Tempered, or Evil in Thoughts!**
 - a. Sometimes we can be too blunt in the way we say things to our spouses. How you say something can completely color how it is heard.
 - b. Am I easily provoked? Do I have a short fuse with my husband?
 - c. Make a mental list of the kinds of things that make me see red. Do these all justify the angry things I say when they occur?
 - d. "Thinks no evil..." is an accounting term meaning, "Entering an item on a ledger."
 - (1) Are you a collector of grievances in your marriage?
 - (2) If so, I know something about your spouse: He/She is miserable.
5. **1 Corinthians 13:6 – Love Isn't Happy with Sin, But Is Happy with Truth!**
 - a. Husbands: Protect your wife and children from evil.
 - b. Make sure your home is a place where evil is always called evil:
 - (1) Do we watch movies which portray immorality in an approved context?
 - (2) Do we use bad language when angry or surprised?
 - (3) Do we put things ahead of worshiping God?
 - (4) Do we lie when it's more convenient than telling the truth?
6. **1 Corinthians 13:7 – Love Bears, Believes, Hopes and Endures!**
 - a. Bears all things.
 - (1) Any injury, insult, disappointment.
 - (2) Work to believe that you got better in marriage than you deserve.
 - b. Believes all things.
 - (1) Trusting
 - (2) Believe in what your husband or wife can be, and build them up.
 - (3) Encourage them to meet their highest potential
 - c. Hopes all things.
 - (1) This motivates a man or a woman to sacrifice for their marriage.
 - (2) Never give up. Hope for a better day.
 - d. Endures all things.
 - (1) Why should Paul include this in this "Love" chapter?
 - (2) Why not just spring daisies and kisses?
 - (3) Because marriage in this real world of ours is sometimes going to be a challenge and hard work.
 - (4) Some days will test your convictions.
7. **1 Corinthians 13:8 – Love Never Fails!**
 - a. If you and your spouse will become and remain faithful Christians, this statement will be true about you.