

III. WHO SHOULD FIRST MAKE THE LOVE AND RESPECT CONNECTION?

When a wife feels unloved, it is very hard to respect her husband. When a husband feels disrespected, it is very hard to love his wife.

“A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city: and their contentions are like the bars of a castle.” Proverbs 18:19

A. The _____ should make the first move.

“And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” Joshua 24:15

*“26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:
27 Neither give place to the devil.”* Ephesians 4:26-27

B. The most _____ should make the first move.

“We love him, because he first loved us.” I John 4:19

*“20 According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.
21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”* Philippians 1:20-21

CONCLUSION: Yay Marriage requires losing the “I” and adding the “we”.

“Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.” Philippians 2:4

YAY MARRIAGE The Secret To A Better Marriage

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INTRODUCTION

A. Yay Marriage! Let’s celebrate marriage together!!

“Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.” Proverbs 5:18

“Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.” Hebrews 13:4

B. Every marriage struggles at some point because they are a unique blend of personalities, history, circumstances, and problems. This teaching series will show you how to enjoy your marriage, and all relationships, through the love and respect connection.

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C. **TEXT:** Ephesians 5:33 (Pew Bible Page 200/New Testament)

The secret to a better marriage is the _____ and _____ connection!

THE SECRET TO A BETTER MARRIAGE

I. WHAT IS THE LOVE AND RESPECT CONNECTION?

A. It is a _____

“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.” Joshua 1:8

“I Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

4 The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.” Psalm 1:1-4

B. It is _____

“Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;” Ephesians 5:25

“1 Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

2 While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;

4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

6 Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: ...”

I Peter 3:1-6a

II. WHY IS THE LOVE AND RESPECT CONNECTION IMPORTANT?

The woman absolutely needs love, and the man absolutely needs respect.

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.”

Genesis 1:27

A. Love is a _____ greatest need

Women who aren't loved get _____.

“O my God, my soul is cast down within me:”

Psalm 42:6a

B. Respect is a _____ greatest need

“Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.” Colossians 3:19

Men who aren't respected get _____.

You must ____ God to make the love and respect connection!!

“5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.” Proverbs 3:5-6