

OUR MARRIAGE
Handle With Care – Part 3
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PRINCIPLES FOR HANDLING MARRIAGE WITH CARE

A. Marry The Right Person

“A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. If her husband dies, she is free to marry anyone she wishes, but only if he loves the Lord.”
1 Corinthians 7:39 (NLT)

“Don’t team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness?”
2 Corinthians 6:14 (NLT)

Four Levels Of Intimacy In Marriage

1. Physical

2. Intellectual

3. Emotional

4. Spiritual

“‘Haven’t you read,’ he replied, ‘that at the beginning the Creator made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”
Matthew 19:4-6 (NIV)

B. Get Good Christian Counsel Quickly & Early For Problems

“Fools think their own way is right but the wise listen to others.”
Proverbs 12:15 (NLT)

“The thoughts of righteous people are fair. The advice of wicked people is treacherous.”
Proverbs 12:5 (NOG)

“How happy is the man who does not follow the advice of the wicked... Instead, his delight is in the Lord’s instruction, and he meditates on it day and night.”
Psalm 1:1-2 (HCSB)

“By your words I can see where I’m going; they throw a beam of light on my dark path. ...I’ll never turn back from living by your righteous order. Everything’s falling apart on me, God; put me together again with your Word.”
Psalm 119:105-107 (Msg)

C. Don’t Flirt With An Affair

Four Ways We Can Flirt With An Affair

1. View Porn

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”
Matthew 5:27-28 (NIV)

2. Feed An Existing Attraction

3. Allow Space For A Shadow Life

4. Engage In Dangerous Conversations

D. Remember God Hates Divorce

“God was there as a witness when you spoke your marriage vows to your young bride, and now you’ve broken those vows, broken the faith-bond with your vowed companion, your covenant wife. God, not you, made marriage. His Spirit inhabits even the smallest details of marriage. ...So guard the spirit of marriage within you. ...‘I hate divorce,’ says the God of Israel. ‘I hate the violent dismembering of the one flesh of marriage.’”
Malachi 2:13-16 (Msg)