

Building Blocks For A Better Marriage

1 Peter 3: 7

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1. The Bible provides us with bricks that build a marriage.
2. What is marriage?
 - a. **Marriage is made up of imperfect people, who are committed to each other, diligently pursuing intimacy, living under the rule of God.**
3. With that in mind, let's look at some of the bricks used to build a happy home. There are many things we could mention in this sermon, but we will look at these five bricks:

I. Brick One, Courtship.

- A "More courting in marriage would mean fewer marriages in court."
 1. When people continue to court, it is saying, "What can I do to please you?"
- B What advice could a father give? (**Prov 5:19**)
 1. The father was saying, "Son, keep the fire of love and romance glowing."

II. Brick Two, Communication.

- A God created us to be communicators, not mind readers.
 1. (**Prov 13:17**)
- B A typical mistake is to assume that our mates' needs are just like ours.

III. Brick Three, Consideration.

- A **1 Peter 3: 7** says, Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.
 1. What is consideration? The Bible defines it in **Phil. 2: 3-5**.
- B Notice these two verses about consideration. (**Prov. 19: 22; James 3: 17**)

IV. Brick Four, Compromise.

- A One of the biggest myths is the myth of compatibility.
 1. I have known many good marriages but few compatible marriages.
- B Do you know why we fight at home? (**James 4: 1**)
 1. **Romans 14: 19** says, Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

V. Brick Five, Compassion.

- A Many marriages suffer from a cancer.
 1. Resentment and bitterness can work as a cancer in a marriage.
 2. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. (**Eph 4:32**)