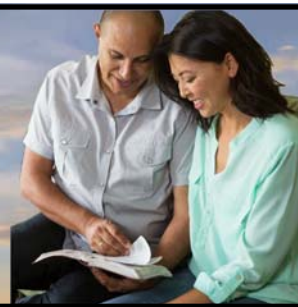


God's Word

Divine communication, revelation, and truth



Hebrews 4:12 tells us that; “the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.” God’s Word is truth; we can trust in the word of God and living according to the truth of His word makes life so much *better*! It is not a set of rules to obey, but the story of God’s love for mankind. The Apostle Peter wrote “His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness” (2Peter 1:3). How can we know God? Through His word and connection with Him. Paul wrote that we are to be transformed by the renewing of our minds (Romans 12:2). Our minds are renewed through God’s word, through our knowledge of Him.

Friends, it is time for us to stop living by our own ways, our own feelings and thoughts and live by God’s ways, His principles. Proverbs 14:12 tells us; "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death." As Billy Graham wrote: “Too long you have been listening to the voice of the diplomat, the scientist, the psychiatrist, the sociologist and the military commander. It is time you listened to the voice of Almighty God.” If we want a fruitful, fulfilling, *fortified* marriage, we must go to the one who created all things and created the institution of marriage. He created marriage and we can trust that He has a plan and a purpose for *our* marriage. We discover that plan and purpose connecting with the Lord, the creator God.

Achieving intimacy and oneness in marriage necessitates growing together spiritually; we have to *know* the God we follow and we do that through communication with Him. Prayer and communion are important, and knowing and understanding God’s word is critical to a growing relationship with Him. We need to grow together with our spouse in this relationship with God if we desire to build a healthy, strong marriage that will withstand the storms we will encounter in life. Do you read the Bible with your spouse? Do you communicate with the Lord your God with your spouse daily through prayer and connecting with Him? Make the time to really get to know God and His principles to build a great marriage that will be a testimony to God’s love for mankind.

Helpful Resources: *Fortified Marriages Resource page:* www.fortifiedmarriages.com

The *Fortified Marriages Manual and Workbook* is a great tool to help couples understand and apply God’s truths in their life and marriage. Our website also has a document providing many Scriptures about marriage.

Article to check out:

Bible Reading in Marriage Is Transformational by David Clarke - www.focusonthefamily.com