

IN TOUCH - JULY 2012



IT'S TIME FOR HOME IMPROVEMENT

God wants you to have wholeness and restoration in every area of your life...
Family, Finances,
Career, and Relationships!

Two Are Better Than One

by Joyce Meyer

The three-strand cord is a picture of the power that takes place when two people agree for something in line with God's will for them. As two people become one in agreement with each other, there is a tremendous amount of power.

You can have such fun in your marriage when you begin to agree with each other. Do you know that God did not put you together to be miserable? He didn't put you together to fight, pick on each other or try and change each other. The Bible says that a woman is to enjoy her husband.

1 Peter 3:2

So how do two people with very different personalities—who don't think alike, who don't feel the same about a lot of different things, who don't even like the same kind of food—become one? We know that it doesn't just happen when you both say, "I do." *Becoming one* is a process that just takes time.

God knew each of our strengths and weaknesses would complete the other when we became one. The idea of saying, "Why aren't you like me?" is no longer a question in our hearts. We realize that we need each other to be exactly who God created us to be. We no longer pick on each other's weaknesses. Instead, we partake of our strengths and enjoy one another.

There are no two people who need to get in agreement more than a married couple. God has done so much for us since we have gotten out of strife and learned to humble ourselves to the point that we don't have to be right all the time. Many wars

are started in our homes over unimportant issues that don't matter, such as whether to turn left or right out of the neighborhood when both streets go to the same store. If you want to have power in your marriage and in your prayer life, then you have to get along. You can learn how to "disagree agreeably" without causing strife.

The big question is: How do people who are not of one mind learn to agree? Agreement comes when the people involved stop being selfish. Selfishness is an immature inward focus. If each one of us will learn to voice our wants, but choose what best serves everybody in the family, then we will find peace. The key is to care about what the other person needs, be willing to humble ourselves, and do what we can to meet those needs.

Love Adapts and Adjusts

One of the most important facets I've learned about love is unselfishness, which is characterized in the Bible as a willingness to sacrifice one's own wishes for those of others. I've learned that true love will always adapt and adjust to the needs and desires of other people.

It's impossible for people who've truly been reduced to love to be selfish. God has taught them how to be totally adaptable and adjustable to others. Selfish people, on the other hand, have hard hearts. It's very difficult for them to learn anything—especially if it involves self-sacrifice. They expect everyone else to adjust to them and their needs. They simply don't know how to adjust to others without becoming angry or upset.

Find Beauty in Your Marriage by Joel Osteen

In life, no matter how much good there is, you can always find something bad if you look for it. You can find some fault, some weakness, something that you don't understand or like. You can either develop an eye for the good, or you can develop a critical eye and always see the bad.

This is why marriages are in so much trouble today. A spouse or both spouses have developed a habit of being negative and only seeing the negative. They've become too critical and view everything through their critical eye.

Ex: His wife was making him breakfast, and he asked for two eggs, one scrambled and one fried. So she made them and put them on a plate. When he saw them, he shook his head. She said, "What did I do wrong now? That's exactly what you asked for." He said, "I should have known it. You fried the wrong egg."

You see, you can train yourself to see your spouse's strengths, or you can train yourself to see their weaknesses. You can focus on what you like about your spouse and magnify their good qualities,

or you can focus on what you don't like and magnify the things that annoy you.

Some people have become so critically minded that no matter what the other one does, it's not going to be right. They never see the good their spouse does anymore, and they've forgotten the reasons they fell in love and got married. It's because they're magnifying the wrong things.

If you're negative toward your spouse and you operate out of a critical spirit, it's going to poison your whole outlook. You won't communicate properly. You won't want to do things together, and it will affect you in every area. [When we're constantly critical, we have to realize the problem is not with our spouse. It's not even with our circumstances. The problem is with us.](#)

You have to make a switch. Decide today to start appreciating your spouse's strengths and learn to downplay their weaknesses. If you do, your marriage will be filled with more peace, unity and love, and you'll see God bless your marriage in greater ways.

Creating a Successful Marriage by Taffi Dollar

Have you ever heard someone refer to a couple as "a match made in Heaven"? I'm sure you have because it is a very popular saying. However, it is more than just a saying; it is truth. Marriage *can* be like Heaven on Earth when husbands and wives understand how they can work together to create an atmosphere of love and fulfillment in their relationship. Being willing to compromise and make adjustments to meet each other's needs is critical to having a successful marriage. In addition, spouses must make a commitment to walk in the love of God, no matter what.

There are some specific things to keep in mind when looking at how you can create a successful marriage. ***First, every couple must make their marriage their first priority***—before their jobs, church, and even their children. I know that sounds harsh, but it is true. Your children will receive a greater benefit from the family unit when their parents' relationship is healthy and happy. However you choose to manage your time, make sure you are spending quality, interactive time together on a regular basis.

Another key to ***having a successful marriage is knowing the importance of appreciation and praise***. The fact that it feels really good to be appreciated and celebrated by the ones we love. Husbands and wives need to let each other know how much they appreciate what

the other is doing. This can be communicated through words and actions. For example, giving a card that expresses your appreciation for your spouse is a great way to let your mate know how much you care. Or you could do something nice and unexpected, just because. The point is to always let your mate know how much he or she is loved and appreciated. Husbands and wives should praise each other regularly and never take one each other for granted.

More than anything else, we must remember love is a decision, not a feeling, which means even when we don't necessarily feel like walking in love, we choose to do so anyway. Understanding this is really the basis of the covenant agreement we made with our spouse at the altar. It is a commitment to walk in love no matter what our emotions are telling us to do, which means we don't jump ship when things are tough.

By using love as our standard, we will find ourselves looking for ways to give our mate the advantage and ultimately enhance and improve the quality of our marriage.

Great Marriages Take Work By Lisa O. Comes

You know the saying, "Marriages are made in Heaven, but they sure take a lot of maintenance on earth!" It is so true, not only about marriages, but with all relationships. Great relationships take work and they're worth the work.

God designed us for relationships. The most important thing in your life, besides your relationship with God, is the people in your life—your mate, children, and friends. You can have everything, but if you lack good relationships, you will be unfulfilled and lonely. On the other hand, you can have very little, but if you have friends and fulfilling relationships, you are rich.

There are homes that know only strife, stress, and lack of communication, but God has so much more for you. He gave you your family to enjoy. In ministry I have counseled with people who go from one relationship to another seeking the perfect companion or mate. They can't seem to maintain their relationships, bailing out whenever conflict occurs; later learning there is no perfect relationship. Let's face it—relationships can be high maintenance. If we are going to have meaningful, healthy relationships in our lives we need:

- God's wisdom
- A willingness to invest time and effort into them
- An understating of the dynamics of relationships

Let me share some helpful principles from God's Word that will enable you to stay connected in your relationships.

1. Work on being more patient, understanding, and compassionate: Ephesians 4:32
2. Don't go to bed angry: Ephesians 4:26
3. Lighten Up: Proverbs 17:22
4. Avoid touchy subjects: Proverbs 15:1
5. Accept people for who they are: Ephesians 2:10
6. Be quick to forgive: Colossians 3:13
7. Recognize strife when it arises and stop it before it gets out of hand: Proverbs 17:14
8. Be a peacemaker: James 3:18
9. Develop the art of listening: James 1:19
10. Pray for one another: Romans 12:12

All successful relationships require time and effort. Make it your goal to apply these spiritual principles in your daily life, asking God to help you be the mate, parent, and friend that He desires.

*** Just to laugh ***

- The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."
- The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What Is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
- A national PRAYER & FASTING Conference: "The cost for attending the Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
- Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

“Home Improvement” From Pastor Desk

This month, we are revolving our discussions around “home improvement.” Almost all of our issues got started somewhere in the home. Home life impacts each person functioning within it. Each person living in the family unit is interdependent with and connected to every other person. The relationships, finances, career, health, and ministry of each person in the family unit affects every other person in a specific way, depending on their perspective and role. ***The difference between healthy and handicapped is found in the home!*** If anyone is fragmented or has need for restoration, it came ultimately from something in the home. God wants to see His people restored. He wants to see His people attain and continually be building upon wholeness in every area, including relationships, finances, career, health, and ministry.

If you are a born again believer who is led by the Holy Spirit, one way to recognize a dysfunctional pattern is when we do what God wants us to do, but it feels wrong in our emotions. An example of this could be when we eliminate a toxic relationship from our lives because we know God is calling us to, but it feels wrong. Healthy people do not nurture toxic relationships. If severing a toxic relationship feels wrong to you, a dysfunctional pattern is at work in your life - and that pattern has its roots in the home. God wants to reveal this dynamic to you and re-train you in wholeness. God does not want you to perpetuate any dysfunctional cycles in your home. He wants wholeness for you! Healthy people do not nurture toxic relationships. If severing a toxic relationship feels wrong to you, a dysfunctional pattern is at work in your life - and that pattern has its roots in the home... **God does not want you to perpetuate any dysfunctional cycles in your home. He wants wholeness for you!**

Relationships in the home impact every person in the family unit in an interconnected way. We were created by God for relationship with Him and with each other. As children, we get the nurturing and nourishment we need from relationships. As we grow, the same holds true, but we take on careers, manage finances, become involved in more relationships, and take care of our bodies in a certain way. We have to find a way to balance the demands placed upon us in a healthy way. ***We have to work on home improvement.***

Each one of us also has our own “ministry,” whether we preach in a pulpit or not. God wants us to be whole in our functioning in ***all*** of those areas - relationships, finances, career, health, and ministry. Jesus Christ came that we may have life, and life more abundantly. Jesus Christ became a curse for us, that the blessing of Abraham may come upon us. Jesus Christ made Himself poor, that we may become rich. It’s time that the body of Christ stood up and received the things that Christ died to obtain for us! Please stay tuned as we do “home improvement” this month! We are going to be talking about the interconnected, functional areas of home life, and how they impact people within it. We are pursuing ***complete restoration to wholeness*** –a state of being in which nothing is missing and nothing is broken. God wants you to pursue complete wholeness in your relationships, finances, career, ministry and health – and He has it for you! Come and be with us this month as we pursue ***His*** wholeness!

PRAYERS: THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER ASKED, "NOW, JOHNNY, TELL ME, DO YOU SAY PRAYERS BEFORE EATING?" "NO SIR," HE REPLIED, "WE DON'T HAVE TO. MY MOM IS A GOOD COOK!"

FIRST TIME USHERS: A LITTLE BOY IN CHURCH FOR THE FIRST TIME WATCHED AS THE USHERS PASSED AROUND THE OFFERING PLATES. WHEN THEY CAME NEAR HIS PEW, THE BOY SAID LOUDLY, "DON'T PAY FOR ME DADDY. I'M UNDER FIVE."

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Thanks to Daniel Goodman (See 1Kings 11:1-9)

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WE GOTTA SPEED THIS UP, SOLOMON, YOUR NEXT WEDDING IS IN 15 MINUTES

The Lord is my Shepherd by Dr. Daniel (collected)

Verses	Key Message
The Lord is my Shepherd	That's Relationship!
I shall not want	That's Supply!
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.	That's Rest!
He leadeth me beside the still waters.	That's Refreshment!
He restoreth my soul	That's Healing!
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness.	That's Guidance!
For His name sake	That's Purpose!
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death.	That's Testing!
I will fear no evil.	That's Protection!
For Thou art with me	That's Faithfulness!
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me,	That's Discipline!
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies.	That's Hope!
Thou anointest my head with oil,	That's Consecration!
My cup runneth over.	That's Abundance!
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.	That's Blessing!
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord.	That's Security!
Forever!	That's Eternity!



Wedding Anniversary

Mr. Ebenezer and Sahana Philip

30TH JULY

Birthday Celebrities



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Promise Word: Psalm 63:3



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BACK TO ACTS



There are no shortcuts to Revival.

Pastor Time with Elders

7pm to 8:30pm

7th July 2012

Contact: Pastor

Fast & Prayer with Pastor

{ 24th June to 14th July }

Fasting and prayer draws you closer to God.

Fasting builds your faith

God has a great plan for you, a greater purpose!

Manna House
FOOD FROM HEAVEN

Kannada Bible Study

21st July 2012 @ 6:30pm

Place: **Bro. Satish (Salmiya)**

Contact: Pastor / Sis. Prabha

Over Night Prayer - 27th July 2012



Faheel @ 9 Pm

Salmiya @ 10 Pm

Contact: Pastor or Elders

Word-filled Wednesday



I am not ashamed of the gospel...
Romans 1:16

*** New Cell Meeting - (Hindi-English)**

Fintas-Mahabula-Abuhalifa

Contact: Pastor

My Worship Produces

Psalms 34:1-2

Worship on Friday

Faheel—10 am (Kan & eng)

Annex hall—4pm (kan)

Hall of hope—6pm (eng)

*** Every Sunday @ 7pm — Konkani**

Place: Bro. Clifford' house

Pastor - 99929529

Elders:

Bro. Prakash - 99858291

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Bro. James - 66213640

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