

Love Songs

Part One - Do, Re

- **As couples, we are either making beautiful music together or we're hitting sour notes.**

Proverbs 18:22

The man who finds a wife finds a treasure, and he receives favor from the LORD.

Proverbs 21:9

It's better to live alone in the corner of an attic than with a quarrelsome wife in a lovely home.

- **To compose a love song with your marriage, you will need to include every note.**

The First Two Notes

- **Do - Bread**

John 6:35

Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Ephesians 5:21-31

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. 22 Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. 28 In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church - 30 for we are members of his body. 31 "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."

How to Apply God's Word to Your Marriage

1. Worship together.

1 Peter 3:7

In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life. Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered.

2. Embrace the discipline of Bible study.

2 Timothy 2:15

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that has nothing to be ashamed of, rightly dividing the word of truth.

3. Read good books on marriage.

Hosea 4:6

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you...

4. Apply what you learn.

James 1:22

But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.

5. Include scripture in every argument and every celebration.

Romans 12:2

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

• Re - Communication

Ephesians 4:29

Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed, so that what you say will do good to those who hear you.

How to Communicate

1. Strive to hear as much as you strive to be heard.

James 1:19

Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.

2. Be careful how you say what you say.

Proverbs 15:1

A gentle answer deflects anger, but harsh words make tempers flare.

3. Pray about what you will say to each other.

Psalms 19:14

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

4. Never jump to conclusions.

Proverbs 18:13

Spouting off before listening to the facts is both shameful and foolish.

5. Refuse to use expletives.

Colossians 3:8

But now you must stop doing such things. You must quit being angry, hateful, and evil. You must no longer say insulting or cruel things about others.

6. Mirror each other's words.

Proverbs 18:2

Fools have no interest in understanding; they only want to air their own opinions.

7. Nourish one another with conversation.

Proverbs 16:24

Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.

8. Express gratitude regularly.

Ephesians 5:4

Don't use dirty or foolish or filthy words. Instead, say how thankful you are.

9. Encourage one another.

Hebrews 3:13

Encourage each other every day while you have the opportunity. If you do this, none of you will be deceived by sin and become stubborn.

10. Tell your spouse first.

Amos 3:7

Indeed, the Sovereign LORD never does anything until he reveals his plans to his servants the prophets.