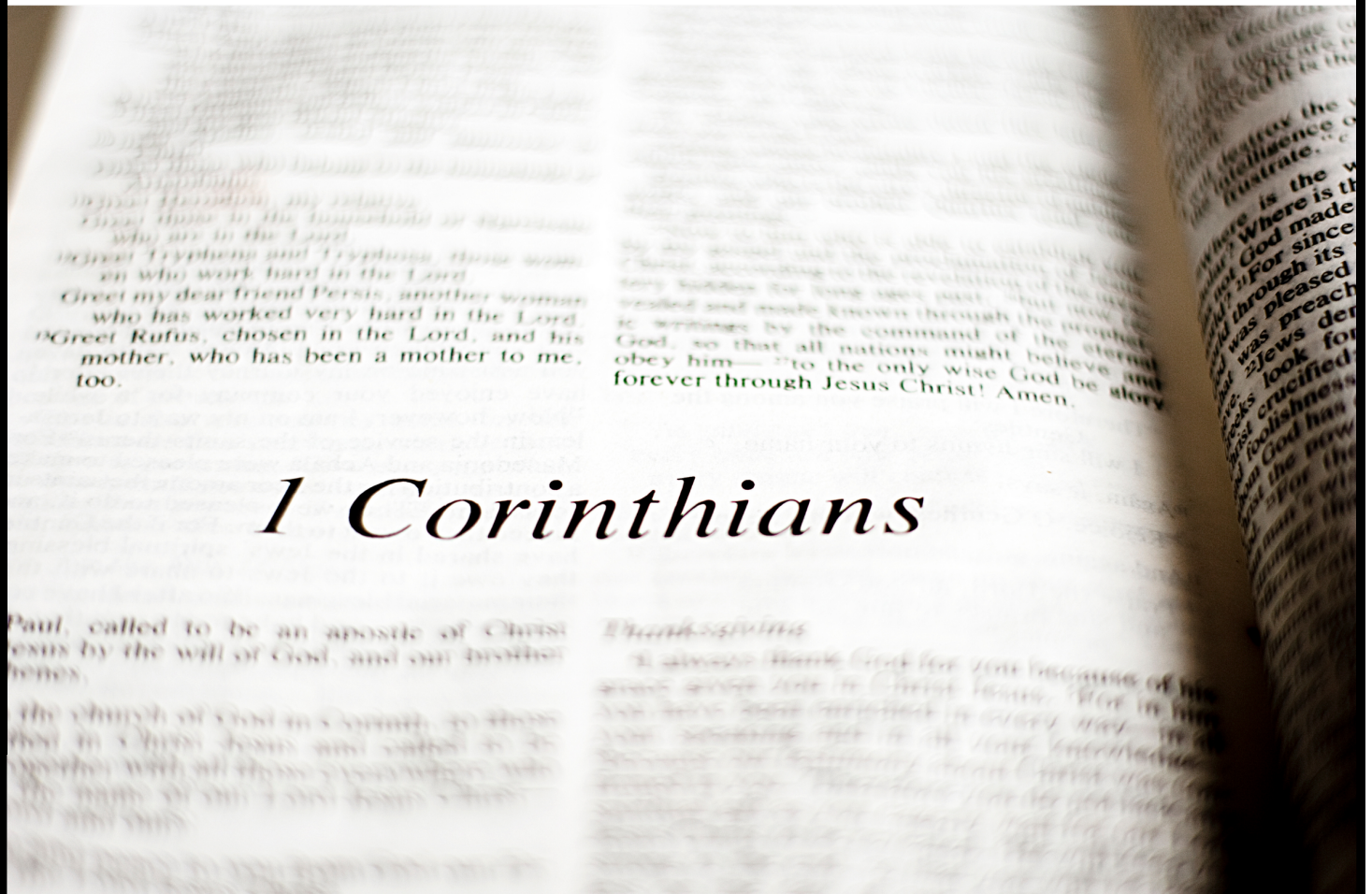




THREE CORD *Marriage*



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LOVE DEFINED WORKBOOK - WIFE

The Practical Guide to Help You & Your Spouse
Understand God's Definition of Love In Your Marriage



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1 Corinthians 13

13 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. **2** And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. **3** And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; **5** does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; **6** does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; **7** bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. NKJV



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Definitions & Biblical References

Patient

the capacity to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset.

Jesus exemplified patience

"Though absolutely unyielding in adherence to the truth, He exemplified patience repeatedly during His mortal ministry. He was patient with His disciples, including the Twelve, despite their lack of faith and their slowness to recognize and understand His divine mission. He was patient with the multitudes as they pressed about Him, with the woman taken in sin, with those who sought His healing power, and with little children. Finally, He remained patient through the sufferings of His mock trials and His crucifixion." (Church News 10 May 1997)

Matthew 15:15-16 NKJV

Then Peter answered and said to Him, "Explain this parable to us." So Jesus said, "Are you also still without understanding?"

Kind

of a sympathetic or helpful nature

Jesus exemplified kindness

Kindness requires a seeking out, a looking for the needs of others...Crowds followed Him and traveled miles just to hear him speak. Healing the sick, feeding the hungry, teaching the people, caring for the widow, and defending children, Jesus lived 33 years of perfect kindness. He is not asking any more of us than what He willingly practiced himself. (Geneva.edu 17 Feb 2019)

Pride

having or showing a high or excessively high opinion of oneself or one's importance

Examples

The statement "Happy Wife, Happy Life" is a great example of a common saying that, at it's roots, can have it's sentiment based in pride, especially when stated by the wife in a sincere manner...

Or, a man who believes his position is superior because of scripture



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Definitions & Biblical References

Envy (Jealous)

feeling or showing envy of someone or their achievements and advantages

Boast

showing excessive pride and self-satisfaction in one's achievements, possessions, or abilities

Rude

offensively impolite or ill-mannered; having a startling abruptness

Self-seeking

seeking only to further one's own interests

Provoked (Some versions have "Irritable")

Incited to anger; having or showing a tendency to be easily annoyed or made angry

Record

the sum of the past achievements or actions of a person or organization; a person or thing's previous conduct or performance

Does Not Delight In Evil

a high degree of gratification or pleasure

Bears

something difficult to do or deal with

Believes

to accept the word or evidence of; or, in the Greek; to have faith

Hope

to desire with expectation of obtainment or fulfillment

Perserveres

to persist in a state, enterprise, or undertaking in spite of counterinfluences, opposition, or discouragement



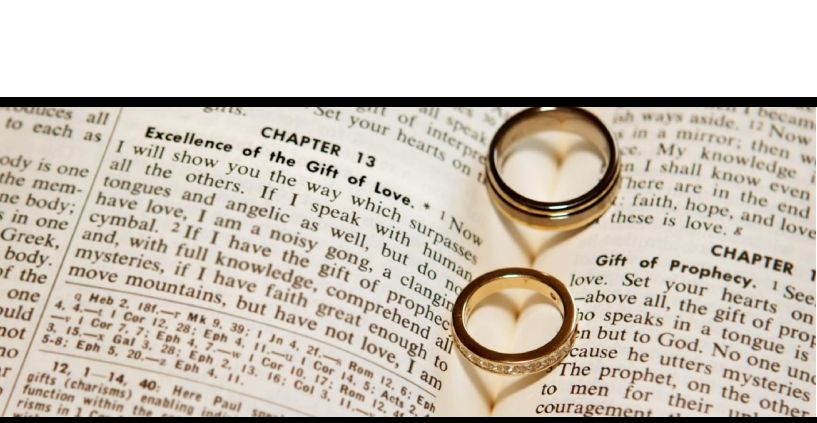
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1 Corinthians 13 In Our Marriage

Directions:

After discussing the verses and definitions, use the list below to mark 3 characteristics that you feel are strengths in your marriage (how your spouse shows you love), then mark three characteristics that you see as growth opportunities for your marriage. (Don't share with your spouse yet)...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Suffers Long (Is Patient) | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Thinks No Evil (Keeps No Record of Wrongs) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Is Kind | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Does Not Delight in Evil (Does Not Rejoice in Iniquity) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Does Not Envy | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Rejoices with Truth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Does Not Parade Itself (Does Not Boast) | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Bears All Things |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Is Not Puffed Up (Is Not Proud) | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Believes All Things (Trusts) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Is Not Rude | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Hopes All Things |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Is Not Self Seeking (Not Selfish) | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Endures All Things (Perserveres) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Is Not Provoked (Slow To Anger) | |



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MY HUSBAND'S STRENGTH AREA 1

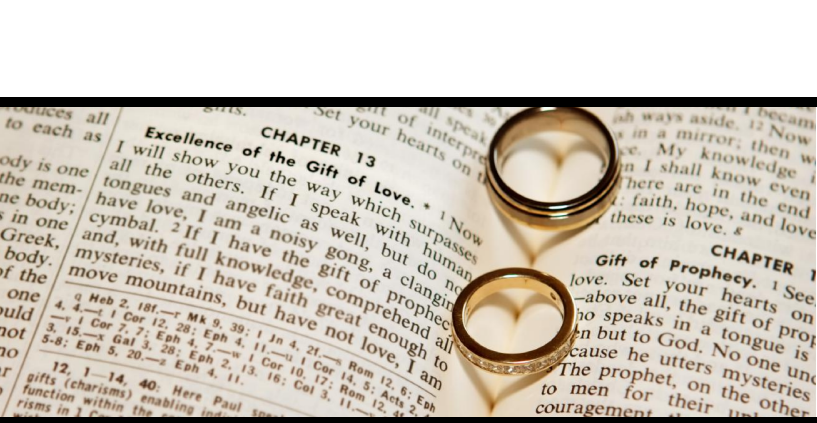
What is one of the characteristics of love you selected from the checklist that you consider to be a strength of your husband? Write the characteristic above and then take the time to list four ways you feel your husband expresses this characteristic of love to you below. Share this with him.

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MY HUSBAND'S STRENGTH AREA 2

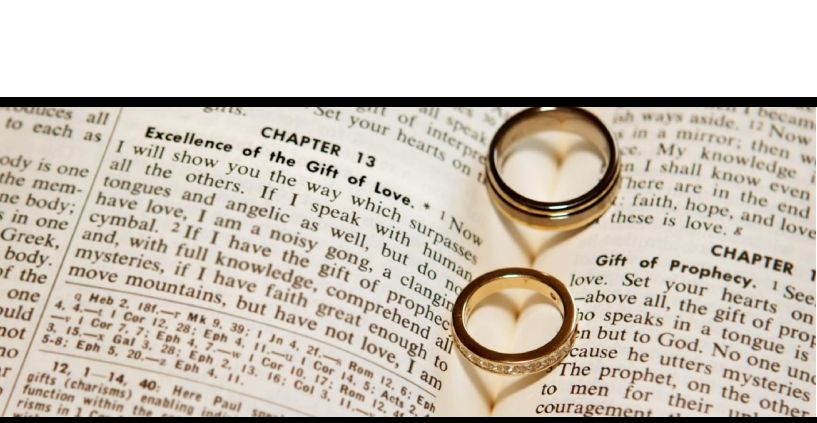
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MY HUSBAND'S STRENGTH AREA 3

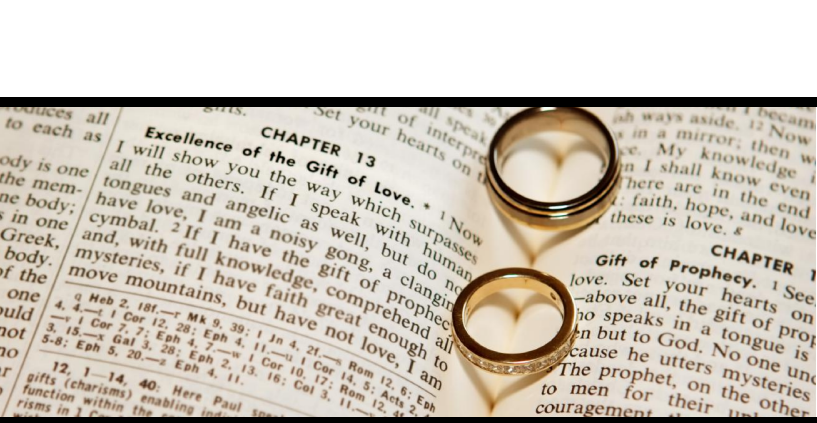
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MY HUSBAND'S GROWTH AREA 1

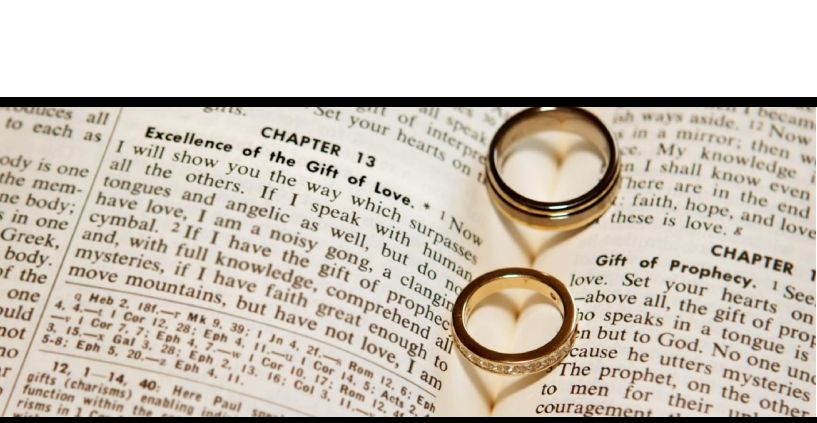
This section is meant to help you share the first love characteristic growth opportunity you selected for your husband from the check list. Take a few minutes to brainstorm with your husband and write down four ways you both believe he can grow in this area to express love better to you.

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MY HUSBAND'S GROWTH AREA 2

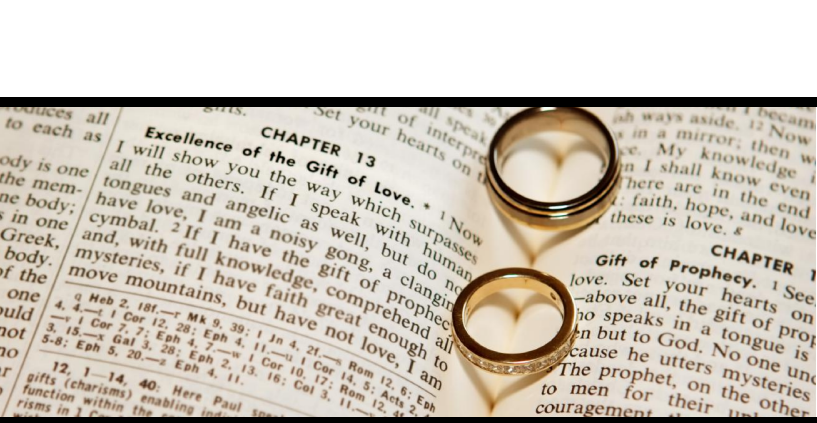
This section is meant to help you share the second love characteristic growth opportunity you selected for your husband from the check list. Take a few minutes to brainstorm with your husband and write down four ways you both believe he can grow in this area to express love better to you.

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MY HUSBAND'S GROWTH AREA 3

This section is meant to help you share the third love characteristic growth opportunity you selected for your husband from the check list. Take a few minutes to brainstorm with your husband and write down four ways you both believe he can grow in this area to express love better to you.

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ACTION PLAN

Now that you have brainstormed together ways to grow in the characteristics of love, agree on one or two of the ideas for each growth area, that you will take action on over the next few weeks.





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- ✓ Agree to hold each other accountable for what you will do (and agree that you won't get mad when your spouse does hold you accountable).
- ✓ Find an accountability partner to help keep you on track.
- ✓ Celebrate the little wins through the course of your growth.