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Capital City Baptist Church SUPPORT

Marriage Idea Cards

Free resources and date night ideas available at the [HomePointe Center](#) or at homepointe.org

Married Couples Retreat

The Married Couples Retreat is an annual event hosted by Capital City Baptist Church usually in January. This is an exciting weekend where you will have fun while getting to know other married couples, spend some quality time with your spouse, and strengthen your relationship with your spouse by hearing God's plan for your marriage. Be sure to check the church calendar for our next Married Couples Retreat.

Sunday School

Each Sunday Morning at 10am we have small group Sunday School Classes that are built around God's Word to strengthen every walk of life. For more information on getting connected with one of our Sunday School classes you can check out our website at www.capitalcitybaptist.org or call the church office at 803-738-1480.

Special Message Series

Throughout the year we have special designed sermon series that focus on aspects of every relationship in the Christian walk from our relationship with God, relationship with our spouse, Children, parents, and each other. We also have archived message series that you can get on DVD or CD as well. Check with our media ministry by contacting the church office or Home Point Center.

Building a

STRONG MARRIAGE



P O I N T E R

BUILDING A GOD-HONORING MARRIAGE

How can believers become intentional about building a God-honoring marriage?

PRIORITY ONE

Discover God's Design for Marriage

We must understand that every marriage is intended to be a masterpiece reflecting THE marriage between God and His people. Marriage is the most frequent metaphor used in the Bible to describe God's relationship with His people. In fact, writing to the Ephesians, Paul called marriage a "profound mystery" because the man represents Christ, the groom, while the woman represents His bride, the church. The marital union of husband and wife is a sacred reflection of the gospel itself.

PRIORITY TWO

Commit to a Covenant Marriage

Today's civil marriages are much like business contracts—easy to get into and easy to get out of. God's covenant with His people was a promise to remain eternally faithful even if His people were not faithful in return. In covenant marriage, both spouses are committed for a lifetime—in sickness and health, for better or worse. They do not threaten divorce or consider it as an option.

PRIORITY THREE

Pursue a Passionate Marriage

God calls us to pursue a passionate, thriving marriage. The Song of Solomon expresses the kind of love, joy and celebration God designed for marriage. That passion is built on much more than infatuation and sexual desire. It is rooted in the physical, emotional and spiritual intimacy God created couples to experience as a foretaste of the eternal unity, communion and intimacy we can have with God. Prioritize a routine like date nights to fan the flame of intimacy in your marriage.

PRIORITY FOUR

Become Heroic in Marriage

Christ made the ultimate sacrifice to rescue humanity. Writing to the Ephesians, Paul connected Christ's sacrifice directly to marriage: "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her" (Ephesians 5:25) and "Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands" (Ephesians 5:24). In other words, mutual submission to one another requires giving up our own interests to heroically serve the other person.

PRIORITY FIVE

Fight for Your Marriage

Every couple will mess up. Too often, however, they also choose to give up. Throughout scripture, God fights for His relationship with His people, remaining faithful in the face of unfaithfulness. He forgives again and again. No couple can avoid strife and arguments, but we can avoid giving the "devil a foothold" in our marriages by keeping short accounts and quickly restoring the relationship regardless of what happens. Prayer is a key part of fighting for your marriage. Statistics from Gallop and the National Association of Marriage Enhancement reveal that when couples pray together on a daily basis less than one percent would end up getting a divorce.

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RESOURCES

Strengthening Your Marriage By: Wayne A. Mack
Gives a biblical vision for marriage and how to strengthen your marriage. This is an interactive resource that goes through many marriage topics that allows you and your spouse to grow together.

Love and Respect by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs
Helps couples appreciate and meet their mate's greatest need.

The Five Love Languages by Gary Chapman
Helps couples understanding and speak their mate's "love language."

Have a New Sex Life by Friday by Kevin Leman
Encourages married couples to pursue the joys and pleasures of sexual intimacy.