

## The Path -

# Day 28: Principles for having a Christian home Pt 3

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### Principle #3 Keep your responsibilities in marriage (continued)

#### 2. Second Responsibility in marriage: To edify each other

- 1 Corinthians 14:26 “...let all things be done unto \_\_\_\_\_.”
- Ephesians 4:16 “From which the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth...maketh increase of the body unto the \_\_\_\_\_ of itself in love.”
  - The person who builds his marriage companion builds himself, and whoever tears down the marriage companion tears himself down.
    - Ephesians 5:28 “...he that loveth his wife \_\_\_\_\_ himself.”
  - Make any criticisms lovingly
    - Ephesians 4:15 “But speak the truth in \_\_\_\_\_.”
  - Accept and respect the individuality of your marriage companion
    - 1 Peter 3:7 “Likewise ye husbands dwell with them according to \_\_\_\_\_, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.”
  - Practice courtesy, kindness, and fairness with each other as well as with those outside the home
    - 1 Peter 3:8 “Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren. Be pitiful, be \_\_\_\_\_.”
  - Don't tear down one another
    - Ephesians 4:29 “Let no \_\_\_\_\_ communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of \_\_\_\_\_, that it may minister grace to the hearers.”

## Principles to put in practice to avoid harming one another

1. Both should try never to be angry at the same time
2. Be careful when you are angry not to injure your mate (See point #4 below)
3. Don't develop a habit of arguing. Arguing can become habitual. It takes two to make an argument.
4. Neither should go to bed angry
  - a. Ephesians 4:26 "Be ye angry and \_\_\_\_\_ not; let not the sun go down upon your wrath."
5. Don't bring up a sin of the past
  - a. Matthew 5:7 "Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain \_\_\_\_\_."
6. Speak in a soft tone of voice
  - a. Proverbs 15:1 "A \_\_\_\_\_ answer turneth away wrath."
7. When you've made a mistake, admit it and ask for forgiveness
  - a. Matthew 5:23 "Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother that ought against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be \_\_\_\_\_ to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift."
8. Never retaliate
  - a. Matthew 5:44-45(a) "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that \_\_\_\_\_ you, do good to them that hate your, and pray for them that despitefully use you, and persecute you; that you may be the children of your father which is in heaven; ..."
9. On occasion you will have to accept some unfairness on the part of your companion without retaliation
  - a. Ecclesiastes 7:21 "Also take no \_\_\_\_\_ to all words spoken; lest thou hear thy servant curse thee."
  - b. Romans 12:21 "Be not overcome with evil, but overcome evil with \_\_\_\_\_."
10. Never nag. Never yell or scream; talk things out in a civilized way
  - a. Ephesians 4:31 "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and \_\_\_\_\_ and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice."

If the Biblical principles governing our treatment of one another work, and they do, they should first be put into practice in our homes



**Discussion:**

- 1. How can we “edify” our spouse?**
- 2. Why and how do we tear down ourselves if we tear down our spouse?**
- 3. How can we make criticisms in a marriage lovingly?**
- 4. How can we avoid harming each other in the marriage?**