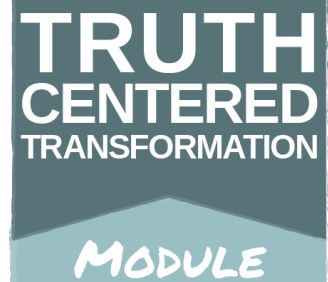


MARRIAGE & FAMILY

LESSON 2: A HAPPY MARRIAGE



Part 1

What are some things that you often disagree about with your spouse? (If you aren't married then what do disagree about with your parents.)

Read the following verses. What can we learn from these verses that help us deal with conflict better?

- 1 Corinthians 15:41
- 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Part 2

1. For each topic mark on the line with an "X" what **you** like.
2. For each topic mark on the line with an "O" what you think your spouse or friend's would like.

Sort it out immediately	Disagreements _____	Keep the peace
Spend	Money _____	Save
Spend time with others	People _____	Spend time alone
Make plans and stick to them	Planning _____	Be spontaneous
Arrive early	Punctuality _____	Arrive just in time or late
Go out	Relaxation _____	Stay home
Go to bed late	Sleeping _____	Get up early
Enthusiast	Sport _____	Uninterested
Formal	Clothes _____	Casual
Very tidy	Tidiness _____	Messy
Keep it on	T.V. _____	Throw it out

Part 3

Identify your top three areas of conflict. Make a plan to deal with each of these areas. How can you strengthen or serve each other?

Part 4

For each of the verses, identify principles to help us resolve conflict well.

Ephesians 4:32

1 Peter 3:9 & Matthew 5:23-24

Philippians 2:3-4

Ephesians 4:26

Matthew 7:3-5

Matthew 18:15

Proverbs 15:1

Colossians 4:6

- Ephesians 4:32 – *We need to be kind and compassionate and willing to forgive, remembering that we are also not perfect.*
- 1 Peter 3:9 & Matthew 5:23-24 – *We need to be ready to apologize. Even if the other person started the problems, we need to be ready to make things right.*
- Philippians 2:3-4 – *We need to think of each other as more important than ourselves.*