

Message notes

## UNLOCKING THE MARRIAGE MYSTERY

### The Marriage Mystery Part 1

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*“A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one.”*

Ephesians 5:31-32 (NLT)

*“Don’t ever forget My words... They are the keys to life.”*

Proverbs 4:21-22 (NCV)

### THREE KEYS

#### KEY #1

*“Reliable communication permits progress.” Proverbs 13:17b (LB)*

*“Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but only that which is good (and) edifying, that it may minister grace to the hearers.” Ephesians 4:29 (KJV)*

*“Just say ‘yes’ and ‘no.’ When you manipulate words to get your own way, you go wrong.” Matthew 5:37 (Msg.)*

#### KEY #2

*“You must learn to be considerate of one another, cultivating a life in common.” 1 Corinthians 1:10b (Msg)*

*“Husbands, show consideration for your wives in your life together... so that nothing may hinder your prayers.” 1 Peter 3:7 (NRSV)*

*“Show your love by being helpful to each other.” Ephesians 4:2b*

*“We must be considerate of the doubts and fears of others... If we do what helps them, we will build them up in the Lord.” Romans 15:1-2 (NLT)*

*“You must make allowance for each other’s faults and forgive the person who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.” Colossians 3:13 (NLT)*

#### KEY #3

*“A home divided against itself is doomed.” Mark 3:25 (NLT)*

*“People who do not get along with others are only interested in themselves.” Proverbs 18:1 (TEV)*

*“...Love does not demand its own way.” 1 Corinthians 13:5 (LB)*

*“May ... God develop maturity in you so that you get along with each other as well as Jesus gets along with us all.” Romans 15:5 (Msg)*

#### KEY #4

*“The husband should not deprive his wife of sexual intimacy, which is her right as a married woman, nor should the wife deprive her husband.” 1 Corinthians 7:3 (NLT)*

*“There’s more to sex than mere skin on skin. Sex is as much spiritual mystery as physical fact. As written in Scripture, “The two become one.” 1 Corinthians 6:16 (Msg)*

*“Let (your mate’s) affection fill you at all times with delight ...” Proverbs 5:19b (RSV)*

#### KEY #5

*“‘I hate divorce,’ says the Lord... ‘So make sure that you do not break your promise to be faithful to your (mate).” Malachi 2:16 (TEV)*

#### KEY #6

*“...God’s secret is Christ Himself. He is the key that opens all the hidden treasures of God’s wisdom and knowledge.” Colossian 2:2-3 (TEV)*

*“He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure.” Isaiah 33:6 (NIV)*