

HOW TO HAVE A GOOD FIGHT OR THE LANGUAGE OF LOVE

Psalms 19:14 May my spoken words and unspoken thoughts be pleasing even to you, O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer.

James 1:26 Anyone who says he is a Christian but doesn't control his sharp tongue is just fooling himself, and his religion isn't worth much.

Proverbs 12:18 Some people like to make cutting remarks, but the words of the wise soothe and heal.

James 1:19 Dear brothers, don't ever forget that it is best to listen much, speak little, and not become angry;

Proverbs 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

PART ONE: FIVE MARITAL COMMUNICATION KILLERS

I. THE FIRST COMMON MARITAL COMMUNICATION KILLER IS _____.

Matthew 12:36-37 And I tell you this, that you must give account on Judgment Day for every idle word you speak. 37 Your words now reflect your fate then: either you will be justified by them or you will be condemned."

II. ANOTHER MARITAL COMMUNICATION KILLER IS _____.

Romans 16:18 For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naive people.

III. _____ COMMUNICATION IS ALSO A MARITAL COMMUNICATION KILLER.

Proverbs 15:4 Gentle words cause life and health; griping brings discouragement

IV. _____ COMMUNICATION ALSO KILLS QUALITY COMMUNICATION WITHIN A MARRIAGE.

Proverbs 15:1 A gentle answer turns away wrath, but harsh words cause quarrels.

V. PROBABLY THE WORST MARITAL COMMUNICATION KILLER OF ALL IS _____ COMMUNICATION.

James 3:5-6 So also the tongue is a small thing, but what enormous damage it can do. A great forest can be set on fire by one tiny spark. 6 And the tongue is a flame of fire....it's set on fire by hell itself and can turn our whole lives into a blazing flame of destruction and disaster.

PART TWO: ENJOYING MARITAL INTIMACY

I. COUPLES ENJOYING MARITAL PERMANENCY AND PASSION EXPERIENCE "_____."

Proverbs 21:11 "The wise man learns by listening."

1 Thess. 5:11 Encourage one another and build each other up.

Proverbs 16:24 Kind words are like honey—enjoyable and healthful.

Proverbs 8:5 "Be of an understanding heart."

II. THE HIGHEST FORM OF MARITAL INTIMACY IS _____

PART THREE: COMMUNICATION WITH THE LOVER OF OUR SOUL

I. JUST AS A CONVERSATIONAL INTIMACY IS VITAL TO A LOVING MARRIAGE, _____ IS KEY TO YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LOVER OF YOUR SOUL.

II. BUT THERE'S A CONDITIONAL ASPECT TO PRAYER AND IT'S ALL SUMMED UP IN THE POWER OF "_____."

John 15:7 "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."

1 John 5:14 "...if we ask anything according to his will he hears us."

Mt. 18:19-20 "...if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.

Mt. 21:22 And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith."

2 Chronicles 7:14 If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Jeremiah 33:3 "Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know."

* BUT IT ALL DEPENDS ON "IF MY PEOPLE..." IT ALL HINGES ON THE POWER OF "_____."