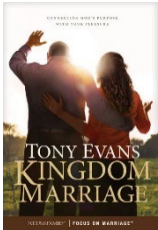


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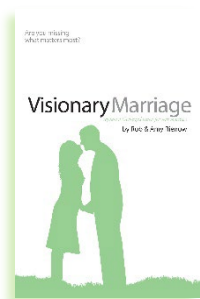


Our first source is God's word, it is sufficient.

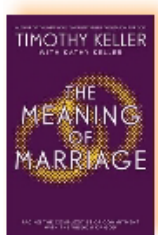
"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17 [ESV]



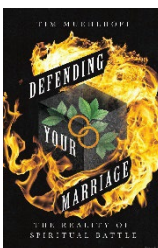
Kingdom Marriage, by Dr Tony Evans, shows couples that the key to influencing our society and world with lasting impact is found in solidifying biblical marriage in the way God intended. It starts with both wife and husband reflecting God and His image and modelling that reflection within the roles and responsibilities of their union. This is based on a correct understanding of God's kingdom and their responsibilities in it.



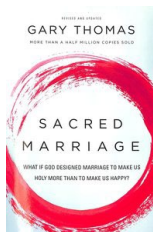
Visionary Marriage, by Dr Rob & Amy Rienow, is insightful marriage advice meant to draw a couple closer to God and to each other. After years of counselling engaged and married couples, the Rienow's realized that most couples did not have a biblical mission and purpose for their family. They also didn't know WHY God brought them together. This book will reveal that God does have a plan and a purpose for marriage and family. The focus is on the big-picture purpose for marriage, and the goal of being successful once understanding that purpose. Web site <http://visionaryfam.com/> . Available through Amazon.com



Timothy Keller co-authored this book with his wife, Kathy, he turns his attention to that most complex of matters: our need for love, and its expression in marriage. Beginning with the biblical narrative, and its pictures of marriage that span the original ideal to the broken to the redemptive, he looks at themes of friendship and commitment; the completion of men and women in each other; singleness, sex and divorce; and ministry and discipleship within the context of marriage. This is a profound and engaging work that will challenge and inspire people in all stages of life - single, newlywed and married.



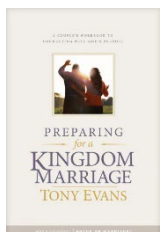
Defending Your Marriage: The Reality of Spiritual Battle by Tim Muehlhoff
Is your marriage under attack? Sometimes it can feel like the world is trying to tear your marriage apart. Internal conflicts or external pressures might make you wonder if something sinister is going on. How can you tell if you're facing spiritual opposition? And what can you do about it? Tim Muehlhoff provides a straightforward resource for protecting your marriage from the threats of the evil one. He looks at what Scripture says about spiritual warfare and how our everyday struggles have deeper spiritual realities. And he provides practical steps for guarding our marriages with the whole armor of God. In our marital challenges, we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against powers and principalities that try to separate us from God and each other. But fear not. Learn to stand firm in Christ and trust in the Lord to deliver us from evil.



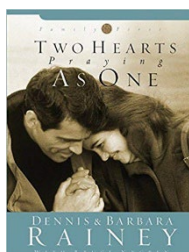
Sacred Marriage by Gary Thomas. Happy is good. Holy is better.

Your marriage is more than a sacred covenant with another person. It is a spiritual discipline designed to help you know God better, trust him more fully, and love him more deeply. What if God's primary intent for your marriage isn't to make you happy ... but holy?

Sacred Marriage uncovers the mystery of God's overarching purpose. This book may very well alter profoundly the contours of your marriage. It will most certainly change you. Because whether it is delightful or difficult, your marriage can become a doorway to a closer walk with God, and to a spiritual integrity that, like salt, seasons the world around you with the savour of Christ.



Preparing for a Kingdom Marriage, by Dr Tony Evans, shows engaged Christian couples want to learn more about each other and prepare for a successful and God-honouring marriage. Based on Kingdom Marriage (2016), this workbook joins the successful Kingdom series of books by Tony Evans. It is interactive and can be used by both members of the couple, preferably in a pre-marriage counselling course led by a church pastor or other church leader.



Dennis and Barbara Rainey, founders of FamilyLife, help couples establish the important daily habit of praying together, offering personal stories and answering questions about the dynamics of prayer. Daily entries -- including a short devotion, questions for reflection, and a prayer -- take husband and wife through topics related to prayer, spiritual growth, and key marital issues. "Sweetheart, let's pray." In the press of daily living, preserving a private moment to pray with and for your life-partner can be tough. Yet joining hearts before God is the single most transforming, intimate experience in marriage—a simple act that will fill your life, your relationship, and your home with wondrous love.

A time to listen, a time to touch, a time to connect with what matters...

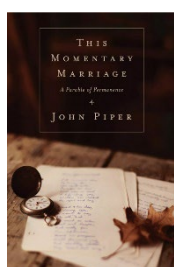


Marriage is great, but it's not forever. It's until death do us part. Then come eternal rewards or regrets depending on how we spent our lives.

Francis Chan joins together with his wife Lisa to address the question many couples wonder at the altar: "How do I have a healthy marriage?" Setting aside typical topics on marriage, Francis and Lisa dive into Scripture to understand what it means to have a relationship that satisfies the deepest parts of our souls.

Jesus was right. We have it all backwards. The way to have a great marriage is by not focusing on marriage.

Whether you are single, dating or married, You and Me Forever will help you discover the adventure that you were made for --and learn how to thrive in it. 100% of the net proceeds from this book will support various ministries including those that help provide shelter and rehabilitation for thousands of children and exploited women around the world.

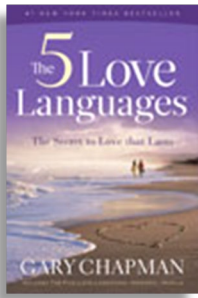


This Momentary Marriage by John Piper.

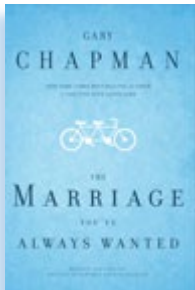
"The aim of this book is to enlarge your vision of what marriage is. As Bonhoeffer says, it is more than your love for each other. Vastly more. Its meaning is infinitely great. I say that with care. The meaning of marriage is the display of the covenant-keeping love between Christ and his people."

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<https://www.desiringgod.org/books/this-momentary-marriage>

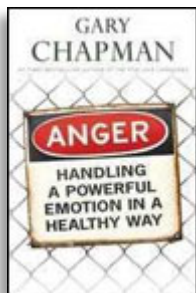


Are you and your spouse speaking the same language? While love is a many splendored thing, it is sometimes a very confusing thing, too. And as people come in all varieties, shapes, and sizes, so do their choices of personal expressions of love. But more often than not, the giver and the receiver express love in two different ways. This can lead to misunderstanding, quarrels, and even divorce. Dr Gary Chapman identifies five basic languages of love and then guides couples towards a better understanding of their unique languages of love. Learn to speak and understand your mate's love language, and in no time you will be able to effectively love and truly feel loved in return. - Skilful communication is within your grasp!



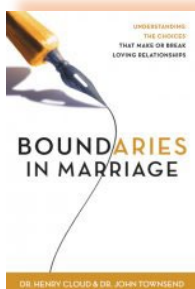
Marital Bliss? "My wife is a nag!" "My husband thinks I'm his slave!" "We just don't love each other anymore."

Common phrases in an all too common world of marital failure. We hear them every day from our co-workers, our friends, and even ourselves. The separation and divorce rate among Christian couples continues to rise while thousands of other Christian couples continue to live together in something far less than the "abundant life" that Jesus promised. Is your marriage turning out differently than you expected? Are all of today's alarming statistics making you wary of ever getting married? Well you are not alone.

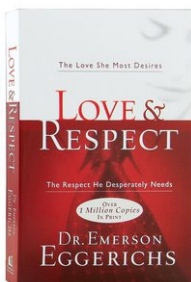


Anger is a universal human experience. For many of us, it is the single greatest challenge in every area of our lives. We have been taught that anger itself is a sin and should be avoided at all costs. However, anger is also understood to be "nature's way" of preparing man to respond in times of danger. How then do we go about bringing this volatile emotion under the Lordship of Jesus Christ?

Gary Chapman gives us the perfect tool to answer this and many other questions in *Anger: Handling a Powerful Emotion in a Healthy Way*. In this book, he takes a fresh look at the origin and purpose of anger. Asserting that anger is rooted in the holy nature of God, he reverently explains that anger flows from God's holiness and love.

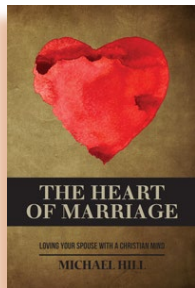


Improve your relationship with your spouse Gain life-changing insights on: -What boundaries are, why they're vital to a healthy marriage, and how each partner can establish them-How values form the structure and architecture of marriage-How to protect a marriage from intruders, whether other people or personal idols-How to work with a spouse who understands and values boundaries---and a spouse who doesn't. It Takes Two Individuals to Become One Flesh only when a husband and wife know and respect each other's needs, choices, and freedom can they give themselves freely and lovingly to one another. *Boundaries in Marriage* gives the couples in your group the tools they need.

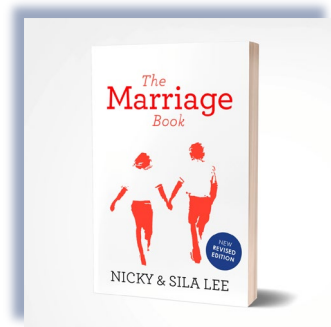


Touted by leaders as a "classic" among marriage books, award-winning *Love & Respect* has sold over a million copies! *Love & Respect* reveals why spouses react negatively to each other, and how they can deal with such conflict quickly, easily and biblically.

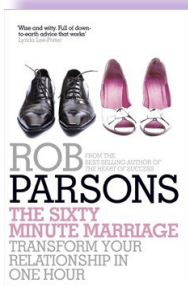
A Simple Message ~ A wife has one driving need - to feel loved. When that need is met, she is happy. A husband has one driving need - to feel respected. When that need is met, he is happy. When either of these needs isn't met, things get crazy. What do you want for your marriage? Want some peace? Want to feel close? Want to feel valued? Want to experience marriage the way God intended? Then why not try some Love and Respect. A Marriage Book with a Difference!



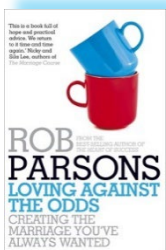
Where does your view of marriage come from? Your parents? The media? A marriage counsellor? Or do you simply learn as you go and hope that everything will turn out OK? We all long for a deep sense of joy and intimacy. So, through the ups and downs of life, how can you sustain and promote your marriage? The deepest enrichment can only be truly found by listening to God's word. Michael Hill integrates the biblical material on marriage with great insight and clarity. At the heart of marriage is godly other-person-centred love and service, good leadership, faithfulness and a one-flesh view of sex that God designed to be a taste of heaven to come.



Most couples come into marriage with big expectations. As they leave their wedding, through a shower of confetti, and meander off into the beginning of their lives together, they cannot imagine ever NOT wanting to be together. Nicky and Sila Lee agree that the long-term reality is different but potentially far better! How can we be happily married to one person for our entire life? How do we resolve conflict? How can we discover and rediscover sexual intimacy? Full of practical advice, this best-selling book by Nicky and Sila Lee is easy to read and designed to prepare, build, and even mend marriages. The Marriage Book is essential reading for any married or engaged couple.



Even the best marriages need constant maintenance. But with so much effort needed to pursue a career in our fast-paced society, who has time to work on a marriage? In The Sixty-Minute Marriage Builder, Rob Parsons caters to the needs of modern couples by providing a thorough guide to sustaining a thriving, healthy marriage. And you can read the whole thing in just an hour! Whether you're about to walk down the aisle, have been happily married for years, or honestly feel that your relationship is over, The Sixty-Minute Marriage Builder could be the best investment of an hour that you have ever made.



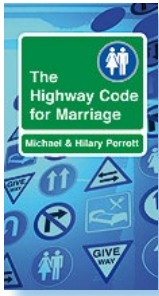
Unlike many other books of this style, "Loving Against the Odds" is very accessible. It's neither too heavy nor too dry but gets right to the point. It makes for very difficult and scary reading though, as it points out several pitfalls and dangers that almost all marriages risk. It would have been better if I could have read it together with my husband, but even without that I think I got a lot out of it. I had my eyes opened anyway.



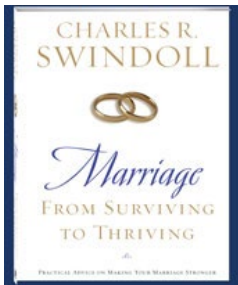
None of us is perfect, but generally speaking, is grace a natural, genuine part of your character? If your spouse were to tell the honest truth about you, would you be found to be a person of grace? Is your marriage a place of freedom or demands? Blaming or honesty? Peace or defensiveness? Safety or power struggles?

In Applying Grace in Your Marriage, Charles Swindoll reveals what the Bible says is the primary responsibility of a husband and of a wife - to give grace without reservation.

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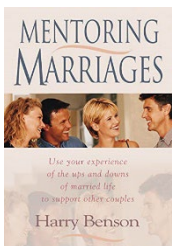
Michael and Hilary Perrott have poured all their wisdom and experience into a book that will help you build, or rebuild, a sure foundation for your marriage. You will discover that marriage can be the cold, dull, unstable relationship that the media so often describe, or a partnership like no other: comrades in a battle, companions on a journey, best friends, mates to work with, lovers to enjoy. And you will learn, among many other things, the art of communication, the importance of respect and the necessity of forgiveness. Tackling the highs and lows of relationships, The Highway Code for Marriage is an honest, often humorous, and definitely hope-filled book.



The Marriage: From Surviving to Thriving by Charles Swindoll examines what God intended for married couples to experience and enjoy. The workbook included with each audio series contains a unique DVD in which Chuck introduces each lesson, sharing wisdom from the Bible and from his more than fifty years of marriage. Whether you listen and study solo, with your mate, or as part of a group, the Marriage: From Surviving to Thriving series will challenge you to apply Scripture and transform your marriage from a dutiful contract that merely survives into an exciting relationship that thrives.

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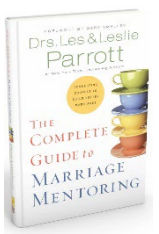
Mentoring Marriages



Mentoring Marriages by Harry Benson is a clear, fun, easily followed guide to help you and your husband or wife mentor a less experienced couple, helping them to talk through issues such as money, sex and children. As you share your own struggles you can offer them hope, ideas and a way forward. You will make friends for life-and mentor couples and attend a lot of weddings



Helping Couples by Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott and Dr. David Olson - renowned marriage experts and founders of the two largest marriage support organizations, SYMBIS and PREPARE/ENRICH - share what they have learned from decades of research involving more than five million couples. Packed with practical and proven methods, data-driven techniques, and immediately usable strategies, Helping Couples includes: The secrets - and the science - behind couples who thrive with lasting love; Why romantic love is never enough, and what to do about it; Strategies to instantly help reduce conflicts and increase intimacy; And so much more.....



The Complete Guide to Marriage Mentoring by Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott. Here they provide the complete guide to becoming a marriage mentor. They instruct the individuals who guide couples in many different stages of married life through emphasizing working as a team, building rapport, walking in another couple's shoes, and praying together. The book includes three major sections: The Big Picture on Marriage Mentoring, The Marriage Mentoring Triad, and The Essential Skills for Marriage Mentoring, to help churches of any size provide a healthy marriage mentoring program.

The majority of these books are available good Christian Bookstores unless otherwise shown.