

THE VOW OF PARTNERSHIP

VOW #1: I WILL PRIORITIZE MY SPOUSE

VOW #2: I WILL _____ WITH MY SPOUSE

“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.” Genesis 2:24

The #1 reason marriage PARTNERSHIPS dissolve:

2 SKILLS TO STRENGTHEN YOUR PARTNERSHIP WITH YOUR SPOUSE

1. SHARE HOW YOU _____ AND _____ FOR WHAT YOU WANT

“Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.” Proverbs 12:18

“Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.” Col. 3:19

“For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.” 2 Timothy 1:7

“The wise say very little, and those with understanding stay calm.” Proverbs 17:27, NLT

“He who answers before listening— that is his folly and his shame.”

Proverbs 18:13

“My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man’s anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.” James 1:19–20

2. SEEK AND GRANT _____

“If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.” Matthew 6:14–15, NLT

“Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.” Matthew 7:3–5

“Love prospers when a fault is forgiven, but dwelling on it separates close friends.” Proverbs 17:9, NLT

“In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. Ephesians 4:26–27

“Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.” Psalm 34:3