

# The Book of 1 Peter

## Marriage God's Way! Pt. 4

1 Peter 3:1-7

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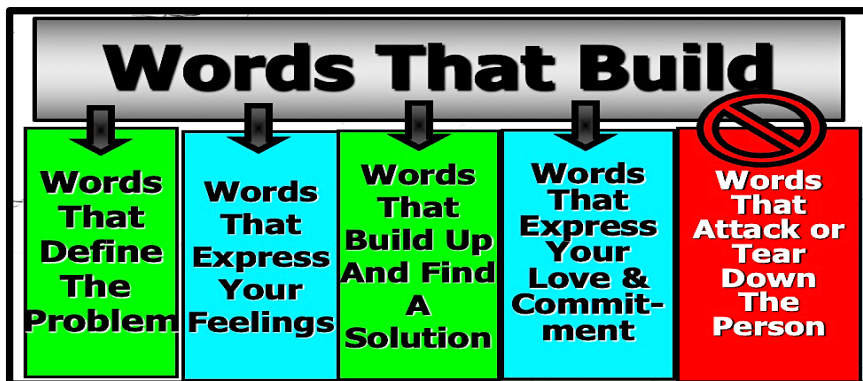
### Bottom Line:

A successful marriage is guided by one's commitment to Christ and the principles of Scripture. One very important skill in marriage and all relationships is to build godly habits of communication which are informed by the Word of God.

**Review:** *Husbands live in an "Understanding way"*  
(v. 7)-Godly two-way open, edifying communication:

Husband and wife "complementing" each other in the marriage	
Husband	Wife
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Step up and servant-lead</li> <li>• Set the pace for Christ's involvement in the home</li> <li>• Show focused interest</li> <li>• Speak nourishing and cherishing words</li> <li>• Schedule quality time</li> <li>• Strategize solutions to present and future problems</li> <li>• Search the heart of your wife ("Pursue her")</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Step in &amp; engage/support</li> <li>• Share key areas that need addressing</li> <li>• Speak with respect &amp; love</li> <li>• Support church involvement</li> <li>• Spend quality time</li> <li>• Show appreciation in various ways</li> <li>• Strategize solutions to present and future problems</li> </ul>

*Guiding passages that inform the words we use in conversation :Gal. 5:22-23; 1 Cor. 13*



*Components of Christ-like Communication:*

1. *Pray for God's intervention!* Rom. 12:17-19

**STOP**

-Relying on human effort alone.  
- Refusing to let it go if at all possible – (leave it with the Lord)

2. *Examine your heart!* Colossians 3:13

**STOP**

-Ignoring any responsibility you may have had.

-Allowing anger to grow but cultivate a heart of forgiveness instead!

3. *Address the issue asap!* Ephesians 4:26

**STOP**

-Allowing time to make the problem bigger

- Speaking to others who are not part of the solution

4. *Confront humbly & under control!* Eph. 4:31

**STOP**

-Entering the process with "short-fused anger"  
-Presenting the problem in harsh and judgmental tones.  
-Confronting through written communication.  
"face to face" meetings (best)

5. *Extend grace in your response/plan of action*

Galatians 5:22-23; 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

**STOP**

-Using counter-productive communication

- 1) don't "clip" the person's responses. Focus on listening and understanding
- 2) don't attack the person, keep focused on the issue
- 3) don't raise your voice
- 4) don't use condemning "you" statements