

A good marriage? Humanly impossible, but with God a certainty

Without God a marriage consists of two very selfish people joined by a piece of paper. But the couple God joins together and who allow Him to continue to change them into Christ's humble, loving nature, enjoy increasing friendship in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

How does God change us from the selfishness of our nature to the unselfishness of His?

Jer 13:23 ...**Can a leopard take away its spots? Neither can you start doing good;** NLT

God says we can't change our own nature. So is it futile to demand that a spouse change? God has but one way, it isn't by memorizing scriptures and trying, but failing, to keep them.

2 Tim 3:15 ...**The Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you...**(a devoted spouse).

1 Thes 2:13 ...**The very Word of God...it changed your lives when you believed it.** TLB

Jam 1:21 ...**Receive God's Words which implanted and rooted in your hearts contain the power to save your souls** (your will, from insisting on your own way).AMP

Eph 3:16-17 ...**Be strengthened with might** (God's word) **by His Spirit in the inner man** (your spirit or heart) **so that Christ may live in your hearts by faith, so that you are rooted and grounded in love** (not human but God's 1st Cor. 13 kind).

Andrew Murray: God's words are creative deeds, they will do in us exactly what they say.

What are some of the words when alive, God uses to change a husband or wife's nature?

It's inevitable that some of God's words will make our flesh uncomfortable, but what do we want, comfortable flesh or a really happy marriage? Men will have to let God take away their macho man image, and from women any influence by a feminist spirit. After we let God love us and change us by His words, we can decide if there's been any gender bias.

Eph 4:32 **Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you.** KJV

Col 3:13 **Be tolerant with one another and forgive one another whenever either of you has a complaint against the other. You must forgive one another...** TEV

2 Pet 1:5-7 **Add to your faith** (by receiving it from God as you did your faith) **virtue** (or courage)...**brotherly kindness** (Strong's: It means Fraternal affection)...**love.**

Websters defines affection as: Tender attachment (by speaking and touching and kissing). We would so enjoy kissing if we knew how to kiss. It isn't intended to be with pursed lips, as with a grandma, nor an open moth as at the dentist, but a gentle joining of the lips. Ah.

Spouses do not fulfill each others needs, but God can fulfill our needs through our spouse

Only the man or woman of God, yielded to God's Spirit and therefore living in Christ, Who

then lives through them, can consistently do this. Regardless of the baggage each one brought into the marriage. They do not look to the other for fulfillment, God is their fulfillment, and their security is the certain revealed knowledge that it is God who joined them. Both now know that the Bible is not law but potentially the very nature of Christ, so they don't club each other with scriptures and have been freed from fantasies about marriage.

Eph 5:25-28 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.

29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it...

These words in a man's heart will cause him to be passionate about his wife, and men generally speak freely about their passions, like about God and their jobs. In this way, God will be fulfilling a wife's need through her husband. And he will thank God for his wife.

33 ..And let the wife see that she respects her husband.

These words in a woman's heart will cause her to admire her husband and refrain from finding fault with him. This will be God fulfilling a husband's need through his wife. And she will thank God for her husband.

God's life changing words of truth concerning sex in marriage – will we let them love us?

1 Cor 7:2-5 NLT Because there is so much sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife, and each woman should have her own husband.

3 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.

4 The wife gives authority over her body to her husband, and the husband also gives authority over his body to his wife.

5 So do not deprive each other of sexual relations. The only exception to this truth would be the agreement of both husband and wife to refrain from sexual intimacy for a limited time, so they can give themselves more completely to prayer. Afterward they should come together again so that Satan won't be able to tempt them because of their lack of self-control.

God will cause spouses to talk His words, forgive and pray for each other, and be happy

Deut 6:7 You shall...talk of them (God's words) when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

Jam 5:16 Confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed (made whole again). The active prayer of a righteous spouse has great power and wonderful results. TEV/TLB

Ps 144:15 ...Happy are the spouses whose God is the LORD!