

Isaiah 58
Marriage Busters vs. Marriage Builders

Malachi 2:13-15 You fill the place of worship with your whining and sniveling because you don't get what you want from God. Do you know why? Simple. Because God was there as a witness when you spoke your marriage vows to your young bride, and now you've broken those vows, broken the faith-bond with your vowed companion, your covenant wife. God, not you, made marriage. His Spirit inhabits even the smallest details of marriage...So guard the spirit of marriage within you. The Message

Matthew 19:4-6 Jesus...a man will leave his father and mother and be united with his wife, and the two will become one body.^[b] ⁶ So there are not two, but one. God has joined the two together, so no one should separate them. "NCV

Marriage busters

1. The In-ability to fight fair

Marriage is when you agree to spend the rest of your life sleeping in a room that's too warm, beside someone who's sleeping in a room that's too cold.

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James 3:5-6 the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁶ The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

Ephesians 4:31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. NLT

2. Neglect

3. Treating each other with disrespect

James 4:1 Do you know where your **fight**s and arguments come from? They come from the selfish desires that war within you. NCV

4. The compulsion that my spouse should complete me

Marriage builders

1. Openness

2. Investment

Matthew 5:37 Just simply say Yes I will or No I won't. NLT

-Matthew 13:36 Then Jesus sent the multitudes away and went into the house....NKJV

You have to get comfortable with saying no to good people and good things

3. Honor

Romans 12:10 Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. NIV

- Honor with your words

Ephesians 4:29 “Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed, so that what you say will do good to those who hear you “
(GNB)

- Honor with your actions

Ephesians 5:22-26 Wives, understand and support your husbandsHusbands, go all out in your love for your wives, exactly as Christ did for the church--a love marked by giving, not getting. The Message

4. God

Colossians 1:15-18 For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible....everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him. The Message

Rick Warren ‘Purpose driven life’ It is only in God that we discover our origin, our identity, our meaning our purpose our significance, and our destiny.