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# FOUNDATIONS

BEGINNINGS AND ORIGINS

PART 12:

## THE BIBLE'S RECIPE FOR A HAPPY AND FULFILLING MARRIAGE (PART 3)

*Reading: Genesis 2:21 - 25 & Ephesians 5:33*

### **Introduction**

- God ordained marriage as a foundation for society to be built upon.
- Yet it is under attack today and is being eroded away.
- God gives us a recipe in His Word for the support of marriage.
- We've already considered 6 vitally important ingredients.
  - Determination
  - Forgetfulness
  - Love
  - Communication
  - Forgiveness
  - Time Together

### **1 6 Fluid Ounces Of FINANCIAL PRUDENCE**

- Money problems often cited as reason why marriages come adrift at the seams.
- Avoid getting into debt, getting a loan and owing money.
- To stay in charge of money adopt the '10 – 80 – 10' strategy.

- **Step 1.** Add all your incomes together - that is your 100%
- **Step 2.** The first 10 is what you honour God with. (The tithe).
- **Step 3.** The 80 is what you aim to live on.
- Set a budget and stick to it.
- Cut your cloth to suit your pocket.
- **Step 4.** Save the final 10 for the '*rainy days.*'
- Remember: '*Money is a good servant but a terrible master.*'

## **2 A Cupful Of TRUST**

- Mistrust leads to suspicion and suspicion leads to loss of respect which in turn suffocates love.
- Trust is earned by always speaking the truth to each other [Ephesians 4:25].
- Say what you mean and then mean what you say.

## **3 Sprinkle In A Large Tablespoon Of RESPECT**

- See [Ephesians 5:33].
- Respect - '*to pay due regard to the other.*'
- Talk to each other and treat each other the very way you expect to be talked to and treated.

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