

**becoming the person the person  
you're looking for is looking for**  
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<sup>18</sup>And the LORD God said, "*It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him...* <sup>24</sup>Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

genesis 2:18, 24



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<sup>22</sup>*He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the LORD.*

proverbs 18:22



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- d: Every romantic relationship asks one question
- e: Everybody is somebody's spouse

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- b: What is the person you're looking for, looking for? / *What is your spouse looking for in their spouse?*

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## 1: pursue wholeness

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 thessalonians 5:23

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## 2: develop financial discipline

<sup>14</sup>Houses and riches are an inheritance from fathers, but a prudent wife is from the LORD.

proverbs 19:14

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"Couples tend to view things like addictions and adultery as threats to their marriages but overlook problems associated with money.

However, surveys show that 80 percent of divorced couples in their twenties and thirties claim that financial problems were the major destructive factor in their marriages, according to the winter 1997-98 issue of Stewardship Journal.

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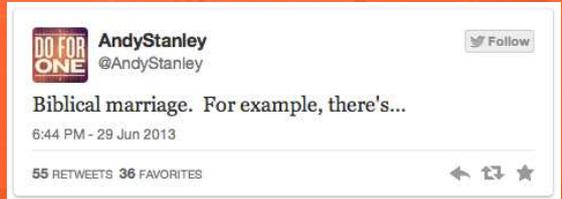
One survey, conducted by R.H. Bruskin Associates, asked couples what topics they argued about the most. Money was named by 78 percent of the respondents.

Next on the list was indifference to feelings, which was a distant second at 30 percent.”

Larry Burkett  
Co-CEO Crown Financial Ministries



## 3: establish healthy expectations



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<sup>25</sup>For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her <sup>26</sup>to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. <sup>27</sup>He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault.

ephesians 5:25-27 (nlt)



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- c. We have to see *our* marriage as a living relationship that we need to continually work out between the two of us and the Holy Spirit!



## 4: live with an eternal lens

<sup>23</sup>That same day Jesus was approached by some Sadducees—religious leaders who say there is no resurrection from the dead. They posed this question: <sup>24</sup>“Teacher, Moses said, ‘If a man dies without children, his brother should marry the widow and have a child who will carry on the brother’s name.’ <sup>25</sup>Well, suppose there were seven brothers. The oldest one married and then died without children, so his brother married the widow.

matthew 22:23-30 (nlt)

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<sup>26</sup>But the second brother also died, and the third brother married her. This continued with all seven of them. <sup>27</sup>Last of all, the woman also died. <sup>28</sup>So tell us, whose wife will she be in the resurrection? For all seven were married to her.” <sup>29</sup>Jesus replied, “Your mistake is that you don’t know the Scriptures, and you don’t know the power of God. <sup>30</sup>For when the dead rise, they will neither marry nor be given in marriage. In this respect they will be like the angels in heaven.

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A strange thing happened when Lisa and I started living with an eternal lens: it caused us to enjoy the here and now! Many people will tell you to focus on your marriage, to focus on each other; but we discovered that focusing on God’s mission made our marriage amazing. This caused us to experience Jesus deeply—what could be better?

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Eternal-mindedness keeps us from silly arguments. There’s no time to fight. We have better things to pursue than our interests. Too much is at stake! God created us for a purpose. We can’t afford to waste our lives. We can’t afford to waste our marriage by merely pursuing our own happiness.

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“Even now, I am working to make sure that my family is set up for the future. When most people make that statement, they are talking about financial security for their last few years on earth. When I say it, I’m referring to the millions of years that come after that. People accuse me of going overboard in preparing for my first ten million years in eternity. In my opinion, people go overboard in worrying about their last ten years on earth.”

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