

WHERE HONOUR BEGINS

“Women were created from the rib of man to be beside him, not from his head to top him, nor from his feet to be trampled by him, but from under his arm to be protected by him, near to his heart to be loved by him.” Matthew Henry



THANKSGIVING

*The optimist sees a cup half full. The pessimist sees a cup half empty. The child of God proclaims, “**My cup runs over!!**”*



SESSION 1s: PARTNERS IN LIFE



Getting ready to go out...



PARTNERS IN LIFE

Our goal is not necessarily agreement on everything, but our goal is understanding one another's worlds.



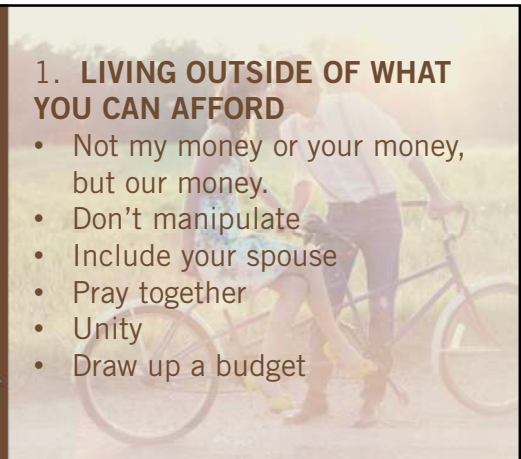
PARTNERS IN LIFE

If we embrace and celebrate one another's differences, your spouse's strengths will rub off on you and he/she will have grace for your weaknesses.






**SESSION 2:
SIX WAYS YOU
UNKNOWINGLY
DESTROY YOUR
MARRIAGE**



1. LIVING OUTSIDE OF WHAT YOU CAN AFFORD

- Not my money or your money, but our money.
- Don't manipulate
- Include your spouse
- Pray together
- Unity
- Draw up a budget



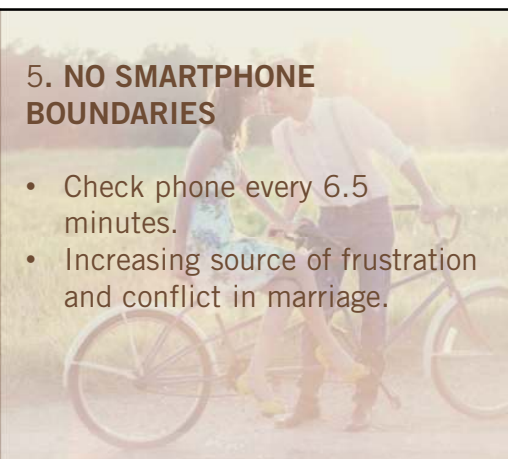
2. CONSTANT NEGATIVITY

Proverbs 17:1 NLT
Better a dry crust eaten in peace than house filled with feasting – and conflict.





3. PUTTING EVERYTHING ELSE FIRST

4. NOT SPEAKING ONE ANOTHER'S LANGUAGE



5. NO SMARTPHONE BOUNDARIES


- Check phone every 6.5 minutes.
- Increasing source of frustration and conflict in marriage.



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Impact of interference:

- Relational connection is severed.
- You feel ignored.



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Sacred Spaces:

- Pillow-talk time
- Mealtime
- Leisure time
- Windshield time



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Boundaries:

- Pillow-talk time
- Mealtime
- Leisure time
- Windshield time
- First provide an explanation



6. FEELING UNSAFE DURING COMMUNICATION

Why don't we have liberty to speak?

- Partner justifies themselves
- Partner becomes defensive
- Lacking grace for the other's weaknesses
- Communicating in a harsh way



HOMEWORK FOR THIS WEEK

1. Share one or two of your biggest challenges or fears. If you feel comfortable to do so, pray for one another, and have communion together.
2. Page through your wedding album and share your 3 most special memories of your wedding day.

